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Subject: Snow Mobile Regulations on the Stanislaus

I understand you might open up Pacific Valley, Eagle and Night Roadless areas to snowmobiles. This is contrary to the 1991 Forest plan that explicitly states these areas are to be non-motorized. This doesn't just mean in the summer. It is critical that areas remain motor free for people who want peace and quiet while recreating. Snowmobiles can be heard miles away. Why have a plan if you aren't going to follow it?

Additionally your proposal to have this be dependent on 12 inches of snow and this to be determined by the snowmobile riders is completely ridiculous. I am next to an area that is supposed to be closed to shooting Sundays and after 3 on Saturdays. This is clearly marked with signs and yet is violated virtually every week. There is no way a general rule like the 12" of snow would ever be followed. The violator would just have to say they didn't know since you can't sign everywhere and they would be ignored anyway. Additionally the FS never has enough staff to follow-up on violations. Please stop designing plans that assume staff you do not have.

Sincerely,
Bob Kelso