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Ms. Ashmead,

I have a few questions regarding the OSV plan for the Stanislaus NF. I have seen on the USFS website how I can comment on the plan but I do want more info before I do.

My first question is do any of the proposed regulations apply to Hwy 4? As I understand it the State manages OSV use on Hwy 4 once snow closes it to road traffic.

Does the 12" depth regulation only apply to each site or forest wide? More specifically, wind scour and local micro climate can affect snow depth. Some areas of the forest could have a depth of several feet while another area might be under the 12" level at the same time. I want to make sure we can travel where it is deep enough even if a ridge line has been scoured of snow.

My biggest concern relates to the Round Valley snow park. I have been told last year that OSVs are not allowed there but was that park built with State OSV funds? If so is it not illegal to ban OSV use there? All other CA state snow parks allow OSV use to my knowledge. Further, a dirt road accesses this area in summer allowing OHV use. This is a huge contradiction as the summer use will always produce more impact than OSV use. This area is a great location for OSVs and should be included in the plan to allow this use with adequate snow.

Since this plan is open to public comment will the USFS have to address concerns submitted online?

Thank you,
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