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Comments: Dear Ms. Phyllis Asmead (OSV Team Leader/US Forest Service),

I am sending this e-mail letter in regards to the proposals set forth for OSV usage in Stanislaus National Forest. It appears that over 150 NEW miles of OSV/snowmobile trails will be created within the forest by this plan. In addition, this proposal includes 13000 acres of roadless wildlands to be disturbed by OSV usage. I strongly urge the Forest Service to purge this additional 13000 acres, which includes Pacific Valley, Eagle, and Night Roadless areas.

These designated roadless areas in Stanislaus NF have been set aside by the 1991 Forest Plan, which specifically forbids motorized vehicles to be allowed in these wild, roadless areas mentioned above. Do NOT violate the binding Forest Plan! Wildlife already are being severely affected by human encroachment in our forested mountains - please leave what few remaining wild, roadless areas we have for them. OSVs and their riders, with resulting extreme noise/disturbance, would severely stress wildlife within miles of where this recreational activity takes place and likely displace many creatures already on the edge of survival.

If these plans go into effect, how will they be enforced? Staffing is already low and the result most certainly will be a "wild west/anything goes" usage by riders and their powerful OSVs. Even if some riders abide by the regulations - many others will not and these areas will become devoid of most wildlife, especially those which are already endangered/threatened species.

Opening up over 150 miles of OSV trails in Stanislaus NF should be enough. Please do not add additional miles of trails into areas that would violate forest service plans in place.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

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