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Comments: Hello,

I have some concerns regarding the Stanislaus National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation. First off, the Round Valley Snow Park does not allow motorized over snow vehicle (OSV) use. However, as I understand it this snow park was built from State OSV funds and is the only snow park in California that does not allow this use. This area allows summertime OHV use and would be a great area for OSV use as well. I believe the State Park OSV program that was used in creating this park needs to have a say in this designation and I question its legality. This area should be included in allowed areas for OSV use.

My next comment regards the 12" requirement. I feel this is reasonable but want a distinction made clear about measurement areas. For instance on a ridge the wind can scour the snow to bare ground while further down slope several feet of snow pack can remain. If a Forest Service employee takes measurements in inappropriate locations they can essentially block OSV use. Any area with 12" of snow should be open to riding even if some areas of the Forest are below this minimum.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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