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Comments: My family & friends have been riding snow mobiles along highway 108 for over 3 decades. We have invested tens of thousands of dollars into equipment, and support local businesses every time we visit.

I object to a group of out-of-town environmentalists trying to limit the places we can enjoy the great outdoors. We spend money within the community, we pay green sticker & parking passes, and we certainly hope the local Forest Service would help stand behind us. I have attended one of the open house meeting, but noticed that no one from the group requesting these changes was present. I find that odd.

I would love to attend future workshops to help outline some exact riding areas for OSV, and also propose some new rules that could make things more enjoyable for all. For example: I would like to see a speed limit of 10-15 MPH from within a certain distance of the sno-parks. I believe this would reduce complaints amongst cross country skiers.

As a side note, we could have costly damage to snow mobiles when there is low snow coverage. Therefore, we are very cautious at lower elevations, but once over 7500' elevation I just don't see how OSV could cause any problems to the environment or public. Most wildlife is located in the wilderness, and no cabins are within miles.

Listed below are some riding areas that I noticed are being either restricted or prohibited, and I'd like to be able to continue to use.

1. A little finger that extends from end of 5N30 to 4N12 (section 25)
2. Area around 3-meadows, Coopers Peak, and Castle Rock (sections 26, 27, 33, 34, 35)
3. Area to get from Eagle Meadow to McCormick's Pocket (sections 23 & 24)
4. Small finger to the North of Hwy. 108 at Saint Mary's and close to Sonora pass (section 26).

Having a proposed map with many different areas will be confusing to all. Too costly for Forest Service to police, not good for environment to have signs throughout, and not good for OSV users to be able to navigate through GPS systems & have updated forest maps. If the OSV users & Forest Service could get together at a workshop, then I believe we can propose designate riding area's that have been used for many years, and note prohibited areas also.