

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/11/2015 12:07:36 AM

First name: Stuart

Last name: Littell

Organization:

Title:

Comments: OSV's have a huge impact on the areas where they operate. Noise and exhaust fumes take over large areas while the machines run. The machines impact the beauty and tranquillity of the areas where they operate. I would advocate that off-trail riding be prohibited and riding be allowed on designated trails only.

People can snowshoe, ski, sled or hike off trail with minimal impact on the forest or other users.

It is not spelled out in this plan how it will be monitored or what resources are available to ensure the closed areas are respected. The plan seems to rely on all the OSV operators observing the rules and self regulating, which doesn't seem likely. The plan designates huge areas as open to off trail riding, virtually all the rideable terrain along the road corridors, an area much larger than any ski area served by ski lifts. It is sad the Forest Service is perpetually lacking resources to protect and manage these great resources, our national forests.