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Dear Interested Party:

I am requesting your comments on the Stanislaus National Forest Over-snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS discloses the analysis of the environmental impacts of designating snow trails and areas of National Forest System lands for OSV use, as well as the grooming of snow trails for OSV use.

You are receiving this notice because you expressed a specific interest or because I believe you may be directly or indirectly affected by the project. The DEIS, maps, and other information are now available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46311>. Also, a limited number of the printed DEIS and map package are available by request at this office (address in letterhead).

Comments on this DEIS will be accepted for 45-day following the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the Federal Register (expected August 24, 2018). The Forest will post the actual NOA on the project website address noted above as soon as it is available. The publication date of the NOA in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. You should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

This project is subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. As always, it is important to the Forest Service and the NEPA process that you submit your specific written comments at this time to allow us the opportunity to consider your comments while completing the final EIS with a draft record of decision expected in January 2019. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments during a public comment period will be eligible to file an objection to the draft record decision when it is published. Specific written comments should be written within the scope of the proposed actions, have a direct relationship to the proposed actions, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).

Comments may be: mailed to the Stanislaus National Forest, Attn: OSV, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370; delivered to the address shown above during business hours (M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm); or, submitted by FAX (209) 533-1890. Submit electronic comments in common (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats to: comments-pacificsouthwest-Stanislaus@fs.fed.us with subject: "Comments on Stanislaus OSV Designation".

Comments may also be submitted to the project website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46311>. To do so, click on the 'Comment / Object on Project' link located on the right hand side under the 'Get Connected' box. Comments received,



including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed project and will be available for inspection.

For additional information regarding this project, contact Katie Wilkinson, Forest Environmental Coordinator at the Stanislaus National Forest, 19777 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA; or call (209) 288-6321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Kuiken', written in a cursive style.

JASON KUIKEN
Forest Supervisor
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