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Dear Interested Party:

I am requesting your comments on the Plumas National Forest Over-snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This DEIS discloses the comparative analysis of the options being considered in designating snow areas and trails, and snow trails where grooming would occur, for public OSV use on the Plumas National Forest. I am sending this letter because you expressed a specific interest in, or are affected by, the project. The DEIS is available online at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\_project\_exp.php?project=47124. A limited number of media devices containing electronic files of the DEIS and map packages and printed copies of the DEIS are available by request at the Supervisor's Office.

Comments will be accepted for 45 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the Federal Register (expected October 26, 2018). Once the NOA is published, the Forest will post the published NOA on the project website provided above. 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. Your comments are important to the Forest Service and the planning process. Submitting project specific written comments at this time allows us the opportunity to consider your comments before completing the final EIS and draft record of decision which are expected in April 2019. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely, project specific written comments during a public comment period will be eligible to file an objection. 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).

Electronic comments must be submitted through the web-based Comment and Analysis Response Application (CARA) located at the project specific website provided above. Attachments to comments must be submitted in one of the following three formats only: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or Adobe portable document format (.pdf). Comments submitted to email addresses other than CARA, in other formats than those listed above, or emails containing viruses will be rejected. Comments may be mailed, delivered, or faxed to the Plumas National Forest, Attn: Katherine Carpenter, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971 (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., FAX (530) 283-7746).



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For additional information regarding this project, please contact Katherine Carpenter, Forest Environmental Coordinator at the Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA; (530) 283-7742; kacarpenter@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your continued interest in land management on the Plumas National Forest.

Sincerely,

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