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Re: Plumas N.F. Over Snow Vehicles Use Designation DEIS Comments

The NOI for this project was released in 2015. SAC was told repeatedly in numerous meetings with the PNF, over nearly four years time, that legally the forests had no choice but to require a minimum snow depth for OSV use.

However, with the release of the Tahoe NF Draft Record of Decision, it has become apparent that a minimum snow depth is not required by law.

To be consistent, the Plumas NF FEIS must analyze for a recommended minimum snow depth without any restrictions the same as the Tahoe NF has done.

In a similar situation, the Tahoe NF analyzed access across private land where the Forest Service has a legal right-of-way. In contrast, the Plumas NF has not analyzed any of their right-of-ways that are valuable for OSV access. The Plumas FEIS must also analyze for access across all legal right of ways.

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Butte Meadows Hillsliders
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