

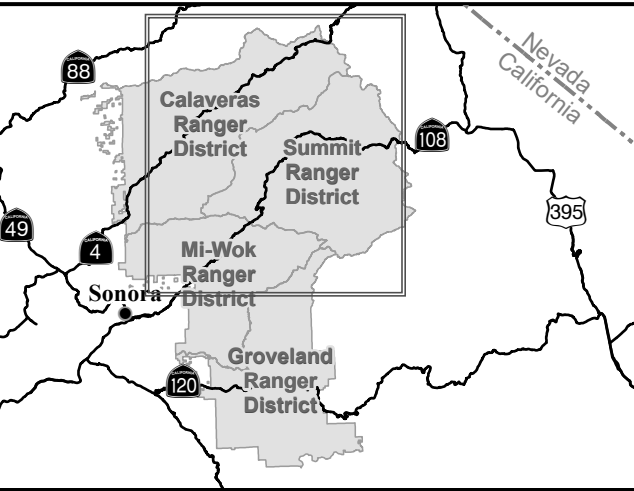
Stanislaus National Forest

Over Snow Vehicle Use Map



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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this over-snow vehicle use map (OSVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.80, are effective as of the date on the front cover of this OSVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by the next version generated by this Unit or Ranger District.

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It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current OSVUM. This OSVUM shows the areas on National Forest System lands in the Stanislaus National Forest that are designated for over-snow motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.80. This OSVUM also identifies seasonal restrictions that apply on those trails and in those areas.

Designation of a trail or area for over-snow motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.80 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the trail or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain including areas prone to avalanches. Be avalanche aware.

This over-snow vehicle use map identifies those trails and areas designated for the over-snow vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.80. Subpart C for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.14. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads and access roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only.

Over-snow vehicle use not in accordance with the designated trails and areas displayed on this over-snow vehicle use map is prohibited by 36 CFR 261.14. Over-snow vehicle use off designated trails and outside of designated areas is prohibited by 36 CFR 261.14.

These designations apply only to National Forest System trails and areas on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate an over-snow vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Stanislaus National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.14).

Violators of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display non-motorized uses or other facilities and attractions on the Stanislaus National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

The Pacific Crest Trail is a National Scenic Trail. The National Trails System Act prohibits motorized use along national scenic trails except at designated crossings. This is codified in 36 CFR 261.20 Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. (49 FR 25450, June 21, 1984. Re-designated at 70 FR 62911, Nov. 9, 2005). The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan (1982) affirms that snowmobiling along the trail is prohibited by the National Trail System Act (PL 90-243, Section 7(c)). Designated crossings are located where HWY 4 and HWY 108 cross the PCT. No other legal designated crossing points or areas exist within the Stanislaus National Forest.

Designated trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas (36 CFR 261).

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating an over-snow motor vehicle on National Forest System trails and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of over-snow motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated trail or area. As an over-snow motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic laws, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Over-snow motor vehicle use involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate changed conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Stanislaus National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Stanislaus National Forest. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

Always remember to respect private land! Protect your privilege. Stay on designated trails and in designated areas.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the Stanislaus National Forest for clarification.

As an over-snow motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System trail or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

Legend

- Open to All Over-Snow Vehicles with a 12" Snow Depth
- Open to All Over-Snow Vehicles with a 24" Snow Depth
- Special Designation (See Table)
- Alpha Character Designation Symbol (See Table)
- Open To All Over-Snow Vehicles (Groomed)
- Open To All Over-Snow Vehicles (Ungroomed)
- Non-Jurisdictional Groomed Access Trail
- Non-Jurisdictional Ungroomed Access Trail
- Highways, U.S. State
- Access Road
- Pacific Crest Trail (Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited)
- Sno-Park
- Winter Creek Crossing
- FS Campground
- Information Cabin
- Lookout/Cabin
- Observation Site
- Other Recreation Concession Site
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands
- Wilderness Areas
- Ranger District Boundary
- Lakes and Rivers

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Designated Cross-County Over-Snow Vehicle Use Areas:

- These are areas on National Forest System land that are open for cross-county over-snow vehicle travel by vehicles designed specifically for that purpose, where 12 inch minimum snow depth requirements are met and no contact is made with native soil or vegetation.
- These are areas on National Forest System land that are open for cross-county over-snow vehicle travel by vehicles designed specifically for that purpose, where 24 inch minimum snow depth requirements are met and no contact is made with native soil or vegetation.
- These are areas on National Forest System land that have a specific season of use defined. Refer to the Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Designated Over-Snow Vehicle Use Trails:

- These trails are open to all over-snow vehicles and may be groomed when funding is available and the 12 inch minimum snow depth requirement and no contact with bare minimal soil is met. Funding is determined annually. Please contact the forest for groomed status. These trails have labels that include a 'g'.
- These ungroomed trails are open to all over-snow vehicles when the 12 inch minimum snow depth requirement and no contact with bare minimal soil is met.

Non-Jurisdictional Over-Snow Vehicle Use Trails:

The Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over the non-jurisdictional over-snow vehicle use trails. Therefore, access, availability and use of these non-jurisdictional over-snow vehicle use trails are subject to change outside the authority of this OSVUM. Displaying these non-jurisdictional over-snow vehicle use trails on this map are for public convenience only.

- These trails are commonly groomed over-snow vehicle trails located over non-jurisdictional travel routes (e.g., state and county roads). Grooming funding is determined annually. Please contact the forest for updates on groomed status of non-jurisdictional over-snow vehicle trails.
- Ungroomed non-jurisdictional trails are located over non-jurisdictional travel routes (e.g., state and county roads). These trails are not likely to be groomed.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

- Highways, U.S., State, County
- Access Roads
- Pacific Crest Trail

These symbols are used to show additional public access routes not part of the designated over-snow vehicle use areas and trails. The highways, state, county and other access roads are part of the reference layer showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary. The Pacific Crest Trail, is a National Scenic Trail and motorized over-snow vehicle use along the PCT is prohibited except at designated crossings. The only two designated crossings of the PCT within the boundaries of the Stanislaus National Forest occur at the intersections of Highway 108 and Highway 4 (the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over these state highways).

Sno-Park:

The SNO-PARK program is coordinated and administered by the CHMVR Division of California State Parks, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Transportation, the California Highway Patrol, and various community organizations. Through this collaborative effort, winter recreation opportunities are provided at 19 SNO-PARK sites along the Sierra Nevada. Distinctive brown signs located along highways identify the SNO-PARKS.

A SNO-PARK permit is required for each vehicle parked at a SNO-PARK site from November 1 through May 30 of each year. Permits are sold as Day Permits or Seasonal Permits.

Winter Creek Crossing:

This symbol indicates a winter creek crossing.

Alpha Character Designation Symbol:

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This alpha character is used in conjunction with the Special Designation Areas and the Special Designation Table to identify the specific area designation.

Special Designation Table

A	The 403 acre over-snow vehicle use area located at Sonora Pass is closed to cross-county over-snow travel by vehicles designed specifically for that purpose on April 15.
B	The Bear Valley Ski Resort permit boundary (1,873 acres) is designated as open to over-snow vehicle use, by vehicles designed specifically for that purpose, as soon as the ski resort closes annually. Over-snow vehicle use may occur in this area after that date as long as the 12 inch minimum snow depth requirement is met and no contact is made with native soil or vegetation.

