BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

RESOLUTION NO. 75-152

WHEREAS: the General Grant Grove, which was initially established as a National Park area by an Act of Congress in 1890, encircled the community of Wilsonia, which is an area of privately owned land in Tulare County subdivided in 1918, when the General Grant Grove was expanded to connect to the Kings Canyon National Park in 1940.

WHEREAS: presently the use of snowmobiles, by private citizens, is prohibited in the Kings Canyon National Park, but is permitted in the adjacent Sequoia National Forest and the privately owned land in Wilsonia.

WHEREAS: snowmobiles are used extensively to provide access to the dwellings of approximately two hundred (200) families in Wilsonia, when the roads are covered with snow, and also provide recreational use of many miles of snow covered fire roads, trails, and thousands of acres of snow covered mountains in the Sequoia National Forest.

WHEREAS: a trail to provide access from Wilsonia, to the Sequoia National Forest, is needed not only by the citizens of Wilsonia, but also by Park visitors and Sequoia National Forest visitors with snowmobiles, who wish to use the only food and lodging facilities in the area which remain open during the winter.

WHEREAS: a snow covered trail, less than one (1) mile in length, from Wilsonia to the Sequoia National Forest, thru Kings Canyon National Park, was used by many people satisfactorily for over five (5) years with no apparent adverse effects, but was terminated in 1974 until a "Development Concept Plan" could be
completed.

WHEREAS: the work necessary to complete the preparation and the adoption of the "General Grant Grove Development Concept Plan", cannot be completed before the winter of 1976-77, according to Mr. Gene Daugherty, Acting Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, although Mr. Lyle McDowell the Acting Regional Director, Western Region, of the National Park Service, in May 28, 1974, wrote "completion is anticipated in approximately one (1) year".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, in recognition of the need for effective and enjoyable utilization of the winter wonderland of the Sierras, by residents and visitors of Tulare County, request the Western Region, National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior, grant an Interim Snowmobile Route, consisting of that designated in the "Proposed Designation of Snowmobile Routes in the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, California", which was published in the Federal Register, October 1974, for use during the 1975-76 winter. Also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Boards of Supervisors of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Tulare, and Merced Counties requesting said Boards to pass a similar resolution, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the County Supervisors Association, United States Senators Cranston and Tunney, United States Congressmen Krebs and Sisk and to the Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, by the following vote:
AYES: Clark, Dalton, Long, Moffitt, Richardson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NOT VOTING: None

TOM R. RICHARDSON, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the Board