

February 22, 2018

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RE: Forest Plan Revision

Cheryl;

I am a resident of Grangeville, ID. I attended the meeting you had at the county Commissioners Office and have read and agree with their response to you regarding issues they have with this designation. These are some comments I have regarding the Wild and Scenic designation for the South fork of the Clearwater.

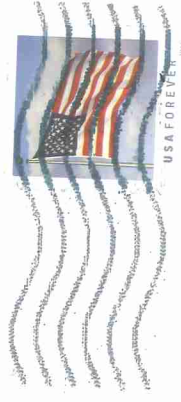
1. Public Engagement. Having read some of the comments, I am disturbed by the number of form letters from groups such as, Friends of the Clearwater. Folks that use, work, recreate on these lands sometimes are left in the dark when these policies are announced.
2. As the County Commissioners identified, does the south Fork really have ORV's or Qualities that make it exceptional, unique or rare? To regular folks it might seem you want all rivers designated, for what purpose is not clear to me.
3. Public Trust, I heard stated by you that mining would not be affected and that historical mining tailings would actually be protected. Like on Crooked River? Remember, to most of us, USFS, BLM, Fish and Wildlife are the government, not separate agencies unaware of how their policies affect landowners and the public.

I and other family members use the Clearwater Forest all year long for hunting, firewood, ATV riding, snowmobiles, horse riding, and Outfitting. Policies and Designations (W&S) (Roadless) make us feel we're being pushed out of our National Forest, by Government, and by people who believe in limiting access and use. I feel there are numerous other forest management practices that would enhance our forest while having increased access to those same lands. That last point is where we should begin our discussion instead of USFS moving ahead with spending time and tax payer dollars on policies and designations we feel are not in ours, or the forest's best interest.

Regards;

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