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# RE: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision

To Forest Service:

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) would like to present additional comments regarding the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision. These are supplemental to our comments submitted earlier with this reference number: **44089-3190-687**.

MOS supports Wild and Scenic River designations for Kelly Creek and Crooked Fork Creek. This designation would protect habitat for breeding Harlequin Ducks. The Harlequin Duck is a colorful species, and highly sought after by birders. In the state of Idaho, the species has a state rank of S1B.[[1]](#footnote-1) , indicative of a critically imperiled breeder. [[2]](#footnote-2)

Thank you for considering our comments, and please include them in the official record.

Sincerely,

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1. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Harlequin Duck. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/species/taxa/18872> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Harlequin Duck, September 2005, <https://idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/cwcs/pdf/Harlequin%20Duck.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)