



Nez Perce

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November 29, 2017

Cheryl Probert, Forest Supervisor
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests
U.S. Forest Service
903 3rd Street
Kamiah, ID 83536
Sent via email to cprobert@fs.fed.us and U.S. Mail

Re: Review of Eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers

Dear Ms. Probert:

The Nez Perce Tribe ("Tribe") is reviewing the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' ("Forest") draft list of Wild and Scenic River reaches. The Tribe recently received notice that the Forest will conduct a suitability study of eligible rivers. The Tribe will be sending the Forest a review of the list along with recommendations and rationale regarding eligibility and suitability on December 12, 2017.

The Tribe will identify and evaluate eligible rivers using Wild and Scenic Rivers guidelines in the Forest Service's Land Management Planning Handbook. The Tribe and its staff have extensive knowledge and information that can inform the suitability study. We will use the best available science, including the Tribe's data and knowledge, to support our recommendations.

The Tribe requests your full consideration of our assessment and interest in Wild and Scenic River designations. You are welcome to contact Amanda Rogerson, Staff Attorney at (208) 843-7355 or amandar@nezperce.org, with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Jane Miles".

Mary Jane Miles
Chairman