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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

ATTN: Objection Reviewing Officer, Northern Region 1

26 Fort Missoula Road

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**Regarding: Interested Person Request to Participate in the “*2023 Land Management Plan for Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests*” (“Forest Plan”) and the “*Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Management Plan Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests*” (“FEIS”) Objection Resolution Process**

Dear Objection Reviewing Officer:

**Objection Issues that I have an interest in:**

* Mining was not fully represented in the ROD, 2023 Land Management Plan or FEIS
* Wild and Scenic Designations, Study Areas, Recommended Wilderness Area Designations impacting mining access to claims and watersheds in the Great Burn Area.
* Rhodes Peak Natural Resource should not be part of the Study Area.
* Designated use areas for Grizzlies and Wolves.
* Process in which the Forest Service utilized input via web mail.

**Brief Explanation of Objection:**

* Mining Districts should have been honored and identified in the ROD, Land Management Plan and FEIS.
* Information regarding the Ankerite Belt area that has not been tapped into has been excluded in the Plan and needs to be included.
* The Rhodes Peak Natural Resource study area is very mineralized and lies within the boundaries of the Blacklead Mining District. This area should not be part of the Study Area.
* There are adequate numbers of Grizzlies and Wolves in the area and should occur naturally without having designated areas.
* The Forest Service should not solely utilize input via the web and it disenfranchises those who are not computer savvy. Reconsider process method used and solicit creative ideas to work with those who want to be involved but are not computer savvy.

**Statement Demonstrating the Requestor’s previous participation in the Planning Process:**

Since the start of the Forest Plan Revision, I have been providing comment information throughout the whole Forest Revision Plan Sessions and townhall meetings. <insert your participation level>

Sincerely

Ron Hartig

cc:

Clearwater County Commissioner, Vince Fraizer

Clearwater County Commissioner, Rick Miller

Senator James Risch
Senator Mike Crapo

Representative Russ Fulcher