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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest
ATTN: Objection Reviewing Officer, Northern Region 1
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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 LeAnn:

Objection Issues that I have an interest in:

- Wild & Scenic Designations and Recommended Wilderness Areas
- Users with Disabilities not addressed in Land Management Plan
- No objective creating an opportunity when they lose a motorized or non-motorized opportunity somewhere else locally in the forest
- No objective saying that when roads are selected for decommissioning that the forest will consider transforming the road into a motorized trail or non-motorized trail
- Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, non-motorized ROS overlay on Front Country and Roadless Areas
- Wildfire. There is nothing addressing how a fire will be fought in the event that more RWA's are created near Community Protection Zones.
- Any RWA's created in Idaho need to be approved by Idaho's State and Federal elected politicians.

Brief Explanation of Objection:

- Wild & Scenic Designations and Recommended Wilderness Areas restrict various activity like mining, motorized and recreation.
- Nearly 40% of the land mass, 20.3 million acres in Idaho is composed of National Forest land making the Forest Service an essential provider of outdoor recreation opportunities.
- There needs to be something added into the Land Management Plan addressing how the Forest will address wildfires instead of letting play its role. The Land Management Plan

states the Forest will embrace and let wildfire play its role. We need the forest service to take a more active role in vegetation management in Community Protection Zones.

- There is plenty of opportunity around Elk City and other outlying areas to take the gates down and creating loops for non-motorized users, users with disabilities and motorized users. According to the 2008 Idaho Roadless Rule, both motorized and non-motorized trails are allowed.

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 to the supervisor office. I have also personally attended Forest Revision Plan Sessions and commented orally and written throughout this process. I provided tangible data in my 2018 comments and disappointed there are not additional objectives in the Land Management Plan addressing for increase motorized recreation users.

Sincerely

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cc:

Idaho County Commissioner Board, Skip Brandt

Senator James Risch

Senator Mike Crapo

Representative Russ Fulcher