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Comments: Zach Peterson,

I have read the four proposed alternatives for management on the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests and I strongly encourage you to reject alternatives X and Y as being too exploitative, disruptive and failing to protect the essential resources and habitat. I strongly favor alternative Z as the most beneficial for the forest biome that it contains. Alternative W is a compromise that would allow more timber production and still protect the most sensitive areas and hopefully increase wilderness designations by Congress. I appreciate the work and effort that you are doing to protect our natural forests. I remind you that as human population increases the pressure on our natural areas and wildlife will also increase. Now is the time to provide maximum protections before these areas are disrupted and diminished. I urge you to ignore the pressure from the local and state politicians who always push for more growth and development for short-term economic gains. Of course the timber industry would also like to cut more trees and promote more monoculture areas for quicker profits. These are public forests and they are valuable for so much more than the short-term gains proposed by politicians and industry. I hope you keep low impact activities, protected habitat, wilderness, scenic rivers, sustainability and preservation as major priorities in any management plan.

Sincerely,

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