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Dear Forest Service -

Attached are my comments on the draft Plan.

Sincerely,

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#### ATTACHMENT BELOW

Nez Perce and Clearwater Draft Forest Plan

April 16, 2020

Dear Forest Service [ndash]

Following are some comments on the proposed Forest Plan and Draft EIS for the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests.

The proposed Plan is disappointing. It seems to be backing away from even the modest protection for natural values and biodiversity offered by the current, 1987 plan. All of the action alternatives you considered call for a dramatic increase in logging, which, with the attendant roads and other development, would lead to the loss of important wildlife, fish, and other natural values.

You should instead realize what outstanding land you administer and protect those values, and not road nor log those wild areas that remain.

These 2 national forests contain some of the least developed and most diverse habitats in the contiguous United States, including those for wildland species found in few other states outside of Alaska. These species, such as wolves, lynx, wolverine, and grizzly bears, are dependent upon those wild areas.

So I would recommend that you protect all the remaining roadless areas; that you recommend them for designated wilderness and manage them as wilderness.

Conservationists have been aware of most of these roadless areas, and have been advocating wilderness protection of them for decades [ndash] Mallard Larkins, Kelly Creek-Hoodoo-Great Burn, Meadow Creek, etc. We have been asking the Forest Service to protect Meadow Creek, a very important tributary to the Selway, ever since the FS failed to include it in the administrative Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Area in 1963. I have had the

great experience of walking up the large, beautiful Meadow Creek 18 or 20 miles from Selway Falls.

You should evaluate the Citizen's Alternative formulated by the Friends of the Clearwater, which I understand has had much public support.

Save the public's remaining wild lands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jayne