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Comments: See the attached document for further comments of the Maryland Ornithological Society on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision.

ATTACHMENT BELOW

April 20, 2020

Submitted: via portal to: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=44089>

RE: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision

To Forest Service:

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) would like to present additional comments regarding the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision. These are supplemental to our comments submitted earlier with this reference number: 44089-3190-687.

MOS supports Wild and Scenic River designations for Kelly Creek and Crooked Fork Creek. This designation would protect habitat for breeding Harlequin Ducks. The Harlequin Duck is a colorful species, and highly sought after by birders. In the state of Idaho, the species has a state rank of S1B. 1 , indicative of a critically imperiled breeder. 2

1 Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Harlequin Duck. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/species/taxa/18872>

2 Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Harlequin Duck, September 2005,  
<https://idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/cwcs/pdf/Harlequin%20Duck.pdf>

Thank you for considering our comments, and please include them in the official record.

Sincerely,

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