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Comments: Comments on Forest Plan Revision

Members of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest:

Enclosed are my comments on the Forest Plan Revision for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. I appreciate having the opportunity to share my views. I have spent many years enjoying the forests and as I have advanced in age it is more important than ever to be allowed to use and ATV to get around.

Sincerely,

Gil Cook

ATTACHMENT BELOW

Collaborative Information Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Forest Plan Revision Draft Environmental Impact Statement Submitted by: Gilbert E. Cook, Retired 303 S. Barker Rd. Spokane Valley, Wa 99016 E-mail: cookge@comcast.net Phone: 509-981-1716 Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give you my comments. I live in the city of Spokane Valley, WA and enjoy seeing the forest by using my Polaris 850 Sportsman. I am 77 years old and have enjoyed going into the forest since I was a youngster accompanying my father and members of the Boy Scouts of America. During my college years, I had a job for 3 summers working for the USFS Research Station out of La Grande, Oregon in the Starkey area. It was a great job and I enjoyed being an employee of the Forest Service. In recent years, I had knee replacement surgery and am no longer able to hike any distance more than 1/8 of a mile. My only way of getting into the forest is by ATV. It is my favorite hobby. I belong to ATV clubs in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington and go on a number of organized rides. We also help with trail maintenance. It is great that the USFS allows us to use the forests in this manner. I have ridden in the Palouse ranger district and North Fork Ranger Districts of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. I also ride in the Idaho Panhandle, Kaniksu and other national forests in northern Idaho, eastern Washington and western Montana. I average 500-900 miles a year. It is a great place to take my grandchildren and friends, enjoy the wonderful scenery and wildlife. I prefer Alternative X as described in the DEIS. It is great to have more options to see new country. I feel that we have enough acreage set aside for Wilderness area and prefer seeing more areas designated as Primitive Motorized to keep motorized uses in pre-existing RWA designated areas. I also support the use of these areas during the winter with motorized vehicles. Sincerely, Gilbert Cook