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Comments: Please find below my comments on the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs Forest Plan Revision #44089.

I have commented previously on this proposed plan since 2014 and these comments should be in your official record.

If implemented this plan will lead to tremendous degradation of the forest.

This plan will recommend for wilderness only 17% of the roadless lands in the forest with the potential to be wilderness. This is a problem for several reasons. First the Federal administrations goal of 30% of land and waters preserved by 2030 would require all these lands to be protected. Second, several endangered species such as the recently listed wolverine require these lands for survival, which will not be possible if they are developed. Third these lands are key to maintaining a functioning ecosystem instead of a tree farm. All of the roadless lands should be proposed for wilderness.

The plan will set timber harvest goals five-fold higher than seen in the 2000's. These goals in the 2000s were greatly reduced compared to the high levels of harvest on the forest in the 1990s which led to near ecological collapse characterized by massive landslides, blockages of major drainages and similar catastrophes. Harvest levels must be maintained at sustainable levels.

This plan will also eliminate many measurable and enforceable standards which have served us well since 1987. These standards are essential to preserving old growth and wildlife on the forest. The previous standard of 10% old growth type on the forest will be dropped and harvest will go unchecked in old growth. This is contrary to another federal administration goal - "to restore old growth forests across the National Forest system". Instead of restoring these old forests, this plan will further destroy them. Other standards to be eliminated or weakened include streamside, no harvest buffer zones for protection of fisheries - including those of listed steelhead and salmon. All measurable and enforceable standards in the 1987 plan should be retained in this plan.

In summary, this plan is so flawed that it should be re-done following the Biden administration directives mentioned.