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LETTER OF OBJECTION:

NEZ PERCE-CLEAR WAT.ER NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION DOCUMENT CITATION: 88 FR 83074

TO WHOM I MAY CONCERN:

My objections to this plan are placed, with the thanks for all the hard work that went into the Plan

I am voting for ALTERNATIVE X

The Tribes ceded heir reservation land to the U.S. Government in the Treaty of 1855, then 1863(ratified in 1867, over 150 years ago. They reserved the rights to hw1t, gather, fish, have their cultural/sacred sites. Nothing in the previous

Forest Plan interferred with these Tribal Rights. Yet now we are emphasising changes to our Forest Plan, to meet the demands of the government in power, under MOU'S and Secretarial Order 3403, drafted in 2021.(Pg, 2 of Intro) (See attached, Sec. 6).

1. The Plan on Pg. 29 of the intro, says it all. "Yet-this is a plan for the Nation)
2. The Plan contents table omits reference to the Mining Laws of 1872, even though the FEIS has 24 pages related to the mining laws, & the Findings Required by other laws has reference to 18 other laws.

Appendix 1-77 refers to it directly, and Appendix 1-92 & 1-97 mentions mining activity briefly. 1 - 123 states "Permanent preservation of past mining activity is unwarranted".

The mining history is slowly disappearing, being obstructed & phased out by the Forest Service/BLM as an

undesirable production of resources. The Tribes position is that they prohibit mining & access to any government ground that they are "ceded" back to them, (any former reservation land,)

The intro said this plan was to establish an Idaho Roadless Rule, which will diminish more access to the "peoples Forest",

The Forest supports 4,000 jobs and income of$163M. Mining contributes to this income, as well as non-tribal hunting, fishing, wood {{gathering}}, recreation.

1. The FEIS addressed the issue of Grizzly Bear populations (& being imported from areas such as Yellowstone due to Tribal desire(problem bears relocation rather than harvesting) to be located in elk habitat to be bear nutrients, in Wilderness area.
2. Lots of recreationalist/hikers want to experience the Wilderness as a form of vacation. Grizzly Bear encounters will be more prevelent. It take just a few seconds for a Grizzly to kill a human.

Thus harming the potential for visitors to WANT to visit the "people's Forest".

The Plan refers to achieving healthy deer & elk herds, yet it won't be attained by importing the unwanted Grizzly Bears from other areas. The wolf re-intro Has been damaging enough to wildlife (Also, intro-ed by Tribal desire)

1. There are still grazing allotments to consider the safety of the cattle grazing, in these state leased allotments, from wolves & now, possibly Grizzly Bears, who do not have a containment fence around them.

Through legislation, in Congress, the Tribes are presenting Bills, in order to get their former reservation back. , amending current laws, Bills under Tribal Parity, Cultural Site (acres into Trust), and trying to negating the Mining Laws of 1872.

Soon "We the People" will have no more "people's Forest". It was be closed off to access, no tresspass:, have no recreation, no mining:, no inner holdings (campsites, etc) WE will be LOCKED OUT.

Thank you for the opportunity to object to some points of this Forest Plan Revision. Sincerely,

Margaret McVicker