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Leanne, please let me introduce myself. My name's Mark Klinke. I'm a retired silviculture Forester off the Nez Perce/Clearwater NF (1989-2014)

I'm writing to you to express my concerns over the Final NP.CNF Forest Plan, specifically the removal of the 32,000 acres from the Great Burn Area of recommended wilderness.

I was in charge of the Whitebark Pine Restoration Program on the Forest. I've spent a considerable amount of time in some of the areas designated for removal.

It would be a complete shame to open this remote, wonderful area up to snowmobiles & mountain bikes.

How much coordination & analysis was completed between the Lolo NF and the NP-CNF in/on the Great Burn Area? It seems that a co-managed area should be analyzed together regardless of the Forest boundaries.

How will the opening up of the Great Burn affect exposed Whitebark pine seedling & saplings on exposed ridges?

What about the encroachment of non-native plants & greases into the area? How does the listing of Wolverine effect this remote area?

I urge you to sit down with Chryl to discuss these concerns and her rationalization for her decision to open up a large portion of the Great Burn to snowmobiles.

Thanks,

Mark Klinke, USFS Retired