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Please accept these comments on the Forest Plan revision.

Please propose all the roadless areas on the Forest as Wilderness. It is necessary to protect all the fully functioning public lands as Wilderness to ensure a healthy future for our forests and citizens. Aldo Leopold wrote in 1934 that "prevention, whatever the cost, is usually cheaper than the cure". Past history on the NPCLW NF clearly points out the fact that this statement is true. Hopefully the Forest Service has learned this. Places such as Pot Mountain, Weitas Creek, Upper North Fork Clearwater, Fish and Hungery Creek, Meadow Creek and Gedney Creek need to be spared distruction from logging, livestock grazing, mining, roading and motorized use.

Water quality must be protected for the health of fish species. Past development has significantly adversely impacted fish and wildlife and a plan to encourage the healing of natural systems must include protecting water quality through having enforceable water quality standards.

Old growth forests must be fully protected as there only a few stands left to provide wildlife habitat.

Please plan for a better future for the Forest. The public deserves public lands that provide a quality environment for all species.

Sincerely,

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