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Comments: In summary, American Rivers requests that the Bitterroot National Forest:

1. Adopt a programmatic, tiered NEPA approach, rather than a condition-based approach, to ensure sound NEPA compliance and foster public trust
2. Safeguard headwater streams by adopting standards to minimize sedimentation and requiring water quality monitoring and mitigation measures
3. Protect Outstandingly Remarkable Values for existing and potentially eligible Wild and Scenic streams within the project area

Please see our attached letter for a full description of these requests.