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Zach and Planning Team:

As a Latah County resident, I am requesting a Forest Plan meeting in our area. It can be Potlatch, Viola, whatever, but please do not just meet with Idaho County constituents. Please also consider meetings in Spokane, WA. The public needs to hear from you personally.

Also please extend the public comment period for the Wilderness Recommendation. 2 1/2 weeks is not long enough. What happened to 30 day comment periods? This show a lack of care or concern for the public involvement process.

I spend most of my summer weekends on the Forest, mainly in roadless areas. The following roadless areas should be recommended as wilderness in the Forest Plan:

Weitap Creek Roadless Area

Meadow Creek Roadless Area (both sides East and West)

Rackliff-Gedney

Kelly Creek Roadless Area

Moose Mountain Roadless Area

Pot Mountain Roadless Area

Siwash Roadless Area

Eldorado Creek Roadless Area

Fish and Hungry Creek Roadless Area

There is no other place in the nation like the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. Ecologically, culturally and historically, significant features abound. Please do not turn this forest into a commodified wasteland.

It is my understanding that the Forest Service wants to turn our wonderful mixed conifer forest into ponderosa pine forests. What will happen to the coastal dogwood species if the Forest Service was able to achieve this misguided goal?

Oh, and drop the suitability study for the wild and scenic rivers. Supervisor Probert is pandering to Idaho County and Idaho politicians. I am to question if she really understands public lands. Ashley