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Comments: Please accept these comments on management of the Great Burn Proposed Wilderness within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest.

The Great Burn represents one of the largest areas of high quality wilderness in US outside of Alaska.

In addition to providing a large area of wildlife habitat, it also provides connectivity across a large landscape - which is critical for wide ranging species.

The watershed of the Great Burn provides clear, cold connected waterways, essential to maintaining native fish populations.

The solitude provided by the Great Burn would be compromised by motorized and mechanized uses, hence I urge that such uses not be allowed.

For all these reasons, the area should be managed as wilderness.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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