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Comments: Rafters Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I am a Montana native from Missoula and have spent literally hundreds of days on the Lochsa, Selway, Salmon, and Clearwater rivers plus many of the tributaries you are looking at. The drive over Hwy 12 into this part of the NPCNF is as familiar to me as walking. The value of these pristine waters and recreational opportunities they offer to many of us cannot be overstated. It would be a huge loss to me personally and to future generations if these rivers and watersheds became impacted.

I am writing to ask that all 89 streams that you have found eligible for Wild and Scenic designation remain protected as eligible in the new forest plan, and to voice my support for their ultimate designation. If you finalize the Draft Suitability Report, I ask that all 89 streams be found suitable in the final report.

In particular the Selway and NF Clearwater drainages and tributaries are important for the unique recreation and opportunities they offer and should be protected for future generations.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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