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Comments: Comments On the Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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My name is Matt Coggon - I am an avid whitewater kayaker and general river enthusiast. I am from Colorado, a place where only one river is designated as Wild and Scenic. I have spent a significant amount of time in Idaho enjoying the gems that are the rivers currently eligible for protection. I have spent most of my time on the Salmon, Selway, and Lochsa watersheds and I believe that it would be a mistake to not include these, and the other 89 eligible streams, for Wild and Scenic designation.

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.

We must continue to protect rivers from the likelihood of development, pollution, and misuse. Idaho rivers, specifically, are some of the best managed in the country, and I urge the proposers of this plan to consider treating these rivers as natural resources that deserve protection from short-sighted human interests.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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