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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I am relatively new to Idaho and one of the things that I love about it is all of the beautiful landscapes and opportunities to engage with nature. Coming from the East Coast which is very overdeveloped and overpopulated, it has been refreshing to see how much there is to enjoy in Idaho. We need to take every opportunity that we can to preserve and protect the treasures that we have here for ourselves, for future generations, and to share with the many people that journey to experience our wonderful environment. Our Idaho rivers have been a source of pride since time immemorial for native Idahoans and for many generations of settlers. They are the lifeblood for many species of flora and fauna and feed the many forests of our great State. I look forward to visiting the many whitewater streams in Idaho for recreation and to simply congregate with these natural settings. As the political and social worlds become increasingly intense and overwhelming, we can find refuge on the glorious rivers in our own backyard.

On this 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 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.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Raine Walters Boise, ID 83707 weisrhino@yahoo.com