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Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

My name is Monica Higgins. I am a river lover. I grew up in Lewiston, Idaho swimming, fishing, boating, and floating the rivers in the area. My friends and family were always surprised to see how clean and inviting the Clearwater and Snake Rivers were when they visited. As I grew older, my love for the river evolved. I began exploring the Lochsa and Selway Rivers - rafting, camping, and hot springing. I have fond memories of sitting on the banks and watching the mighty rapids flow freely and Salmon trying to jump up the falls on both rivers. Bears and wolves showed themselves as I watched in awe of their free spirits. I moved to Southern Idaho and do not get to enjoy those rivers as much as I once did, but boy do I miss rafting the Lochsa!!! These rivers need our help. My grandpa was a Forest Service man in charge of the Lochsa area many years ago. He has since passed away, but I know that he would show his support in protecting the rivers and wilderness areas if he was still here with us. He was a strong advocate who worked for the Forest Service. Look him up. His name is Joseph Francis Higgins, Jr. We need more people like him working for the Forest Service.

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.

It is easy to destroy what we have. It is not easy to fix things and bring them back to the state they were once at. Please do not make the mistake of letting things negatively impact the beauty of Idaho and our waterways.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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