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Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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Hello,

My name is Cass Stoltzfus. I was born and raised in Montana but use Idaho's wild and scenic rivers regularly. My personal favorite, the Lochsa rivers, has been a sanctuary for boaters and outdoor enthusiasts for my entire lifetime (23 years). As a whitewater kayaker, I know that many people share my passion for this river and others in the state. You see, we form a connection not just with the sport and each other, but a deep reverence for the wilderness and rivers themselves. One could not understand unless they had the experience for themselves. Any change to the free flowing aspects of these rivers would be a travesty.

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.

I believe, in general, that constituents should be consulted on these sorts of issues because the people are the ones using these wild and scenic areas most often, not the politicians that dictate their destiny. I urge you to leave these rivers the way they are by continuing their designation as Wild and Scenic

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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