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Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I have been an active whitewater kayaker for almost 40 years. Even though I live in Virginia near Washington DC and do most of my boating locally, I have also done numerous boating trips out west. My favorite trips were those taken in Idaho in 1990 and 1997. I have paddled the Lochsa, Fish Creek, and various segments of the Payette and Salmon river systems. I would also like to paddle in the Clearwater and Selway watersheds before my body wears out.

So I am writing you today 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,

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