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Comments: Please protect lochsa area rivers!

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

My name is Brian Gulbransen and I am a professor at Michigan State University. I'm also an avid whitewater kayaker and grew up exploring the rivers of central Idaho. These are special places that I daydream about now and where I still have some of my best memories. I now make regular trips back to Idaho with my family for the sole reason of visiting these rivers and my kids have made some of their best memories camping, fishing, and kayaking the Lochsa, North Fork of the Clearwater, and the Salmon.

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.

There are few places like these rivers left and protecting their Wild and Scenic designation should be a priority. Removing protection could result in effects that we all regret for a very long time. I've experienced this firsthand with the rivers of the great lakes area after moving to Michigan.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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