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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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My name is Dave Gardner and I was inspired to move west after my first trip to paddle the rivers of Idaho 5 years ago. Since I have relocated, I spend almost every weekend from late winter through early July paddling the rivers central Idaho. Stripping these protections would destroy the lifestyle for myself, my friends, and my future children. It would also take away jobs for many of my friends who work as guides and outfitters on these rivers. As a former guide, I have seen first hand how many people travel from all over not just the country, but the world to paddle these rivers. The Lochsa and Selway drainages are among my favorite places on this planet. Idaho is home to some the greatest rivers in the world, it would be a shame to see these places loose their protection, and risk future generations loosing these incredible places.

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.

[INSERT any specific opinions you have that support continued protection of any specific streams listed in the Draft Suitability Report]

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Dave Gardner

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