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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I worked for fifteen years as a guide on the Salmon and Selway rivers. Exploring side creeks and tributaries was always a major highlight of our trips, and I saw first-hand the delight of our clients as they hiked, fished, watched wildlife and studied natural history on these streams. These famous Idaho rivers are considered world-class not merely for their whitewater and camps, but for their larger setting and pristine and beautiful context, and their tributary streams are a major component of those experiences.

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.

In particular, all major tributaries of the Selway, most notable Moose Creek, Bear Creek, Three Links Creek and their forks have scenery, water quality, fishing and wilderness values unrivaled in the Lower 48. All of these streams should be listed as having Scenic, Wildlife, Fish and Botany ORVs. Furthermore, given that kayakers and packrafters have proven willing to carry their boats miles to paddle some of these waters, I believe Bear, Moose, North Fork Moose and East Fork Moose Creeks deserve Recreation ORV status as well. I also believe that Bargamin Creek deserves listing for Scenic and Wildlife ORVs and Sabe Creek for Scenic and Geology ORVs.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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