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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

I'm a whitewater kayaker. I started kayaking rivers in college and quickly fell in love with the world of whitewater. When you're on a river and the roads fall away into the woods, it often looks and feels like a more primal and wild experience than any other I've had. The river seems to sweep you along into a place that feels old, powerful and sensationally beautiful. That feeling keeps me coming back, especially to Idaho.

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 have floated rivers in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and Colorado for purely recreational purposes. The wildest places are often in Idaho, where river conservation has kept wilderness wild and rivers free flowing, and those places never cease to inspire and amaze. Please keep all of these rivers designated as Wild and Scenic, so that one day you or your children can experience them as they are now. I know I'll show them to mine someday.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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