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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I am an avid whitewater and flatwater paddler who routinely logs over 1,000 miles every year on rivers (I am already at 1,146 miles this year). and I seek out special places that have characteristics not commonly found on rivers. I moved to Idaho from Texas because we do not have rivers in Texas like the Lochsa, Selway, Clearwater, Salmon and other rivers in Northern Idaho. These rivers are national treasures to be preserved and enjoyed by boaters having the skills and equipment to safely navigate them.

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.

Across America public lands are being transferred to private ownership. Few places enjoy the wealth of undeveloped public lands as Idaho has, and those unspoiled public lands contribute substantially to the economy of a poor state with limited population and a poorly-qualified workforce. To act in such a way as to destroy or severely negatively impact the tourism and recreation industry economies of Idaho by removing protections for these wild and scenic places would be an unconscionable tragedy.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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