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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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In 1968 when Lyndon Johnson signed the Wild and Scenic Rivers protection act, he showed tremendous foresight to take measures to protect waterways from development, pollution, and, ultimately destruction.

I came into whitewater in m 20s, rivers have threaded together the stories and connections of my and my husband's life these past 25 years. We live in Colorado and felt blessed to have the chance to float the Selway River this summer and celebrate the 50th year of the Wild and Scenic Act as we shared the trip with my 76 year old father-in-law. We have been lucky to float Idaho Rivers in the Frank Church area the past 10 years.

While the rivers have some protections, use your foresight to realize that the streams and water ways that feed these precious resources need protection as well. A healthy river is only as healthy as the waters that feed it.

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 no jobs, no industry, no short-term needs that are more important than protecting clean water.

Thank you for considering these comments. On your watch, choose well.

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Sincerely,

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