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Comments: Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

My name is Cody Dudgeon. I am a teacher in northwest New Mexico who also lives in Idaho each summer to be a white water river guide on the Lochsa river. I believe that this river and the surrounding streams are an incredibly important part of northern Idaho's economy. They draw river enthusiasts, kayakers, rafters, and fisherman from all parts of the country on an annual basis. Protecting these rivers and streams is not an option. It is time that the forest service ensures that the rivers and streams in the forests they manage are protected for the use of all Americans, all the time.

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.

Water is the lifeblood of civilization and protecting these streams also means protecting future generations of Americans who have yet to enjoy the pristine nature of northern Idaho's Clearwater system. The tourism economy is one of the fastest growing sectors and should also be considered in planning. Protection of these rivers and streams is an investment in the future.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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