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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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Wild and scenic rivers mean a lot to me. I have been on the water for my whole life and feel that not only is my recreation at stake but my church. Protecting our waters is one of the most important things we can do for our lands. And once they have been damned or used as a repository for our waste the damage is irreversible. I have personally been in all of the drainages that are being looked at for reducing protection and feel that it would be a atrocity if these rivers were to be damaged in any way. I worry that people who live in cities and do not use these areas have the power to change what these areas look like. Please listen to those who use this land and water because even if you don't personally need these waterways your kids might just like I do.

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.

Please do what you can to protect these holy places. My vote is driven by protecting these kinds of places as they are becoming fewer and farther between. No amount of money jobs or lives is worth ruining these areas.

President Reagan said it better than I ever could:

"If we've learned any lessons during the past few decades, perhaps the most important is that preservation of our environment is not a partisan challenge; it's common sense. Our physical health, our social happiness, and our economic well-being will be sustained only by all of us working in partnership as thoughtful, effective stewards of our natural resources."

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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