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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

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.

Over the past 4 years, I have made multiple trips to raft the Lochsa river and look forward to getting the opportunity to visit again and explore more of the great scenery and fantastic world class rapids the area has to offer. A significant portion of the enjoyment of my trips has been the untouched and wild nature of most of the area. Logging, developing, or opening the rivers to motorized traffic would disrupt that beautiful area.

This is not a decision to take lightly. Any alteration of these precious waterways will take decades to reverse, if possible at all. Any harm that happens to these wonderful areas will dramatically impact the ability of outdoor enthusiasts to share these special places with future generations at the expense of short sighted temporary gains.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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