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Comments: Personal Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

My name is Katie Veteto. I grew up in Missoula, Montana and now attend Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. I'm pursuing a civil engineering degree with the ultimate goal of working in hydrology and water resource. Having lived and worked in Missoula for 15+ years, I spent a great deal of time in the Clear Water National Forest. I've guided rivers throughout Idaho, including the Lochsa. I've worked land surveying projects around the Clearwater river. And I've recreated extensively throughout the wilderness of the Clearwater. The time I've spent on the Lochsa river has been life changing. Connecting with a wild and rogue river like the Lochsa, having the opportunity to introduce others to its magic via commercial guiding, and privately recreating on the river has been hugely influential. I've gained a great deal of respect for natural waterways, an absolute powerhouse of mother nature. Furthermore, rafting the Lochsa is not only responsible for developing my confidence and tenacity, but has changed my professional goals towards water related engineering.

I've spent enough time in the Clearwater to understand the immense value the water ways have to the environment, ecosystem, native population of animals and plants, and to the peoples that live and recreate there.

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.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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