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Comments: Please Protect our Rivers!

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I live in Durango, Colorado the southwest corner of Colorado, Recreating on rivers is a huge economic driver in our town and I believe protecting rivers everywhere is important for healthy economies and healthy rivers.

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.

I urge you to look at other areas that have protected their rivers and you will see the recreational economies that they have. Protecting a river as wild and scenic does not prevent you from using it! Instead, it ensures that your river will be around to improve economic opportunities for years to come.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Kiki Hooton Durango, CO 81301 kshooton@ncsu.edu