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Comments: Please protect our wild water in the Lochsa area!

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I grew up in Grangeville, ID and currently live in Moscow, ID. My entire life has been tied to the Lochsa / Selway rivers. Each spring I would go down to Three Rivers Resort with my Dad as he guided on the Lochsa. Later in the summers (when I was old enough) my Dad, my brother, and I would fly into Moose Creek with our inflatable kayaks and paddle down the Selway in the pristine silence and crystal clear waters.

Currently my dad (Steve) still guides on the Lochsa in the spring. My brother (Austin) owns an outfitter to take guests down the Lochsa and the Selway. I work for NRS (Northwest River Supply) that provides gear for those who participate in paddlesports in Idaho and throughout the world. All our livelihoods revolve around Wild and Scenic 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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