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Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I am a 60 year old lover of rivers who currently resides in Colorado. I grew up in northern California enjoying the many rivers of the Sierras where I would later become a river guide. I've rafted and kayaked in close to a dozen states in the US, including Idaho's Salmon river. My family had an unforgettable 4 day trip there 4 years ago when my son graduated from high school. To this day, it might be our favorite time together.

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.

Everyone of these rivers deserves protection, as the current administration whittles away at our ability to experience parks and forests that belong to all of us. Please take this seriously, and not bow down to corporate interests or lobbyists. We're watching!

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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