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Comments: Comments On Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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I am a Washington state resident that makes an annual pilgrimage each spring for the Spring snow melt runoff in Idaho.

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.

My favorite river to visit is the South Fork Salmon. That river is special for many reasons but it's lack of designation as a Wild and Scenic river opens it up to mining interest. That a river of this kind is under threat due to mining interest is of real concern. We paddlers value paddling on waters that run free and are clean. The stibnite mine proposal (Midas) is alarming. Please strongly consider precluding any mining in the headwaters of this drainage. The profits for a few are not worth the loss that many will experience if this project moves forward.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Sincerely,

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