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Comments: My input on the Draft Wild and Scenic Suitability Report for Lochs area rivers

Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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Please maintain Wild and Scenic designation for all 89 streams in the Draft Suitability Report as part of the new forest plan - please find all 89 streams suitable.

I visit Idaho a few times a year, and it is primarily because of the nature of these streams that make them suitable for Wild and Scenic status that I visit the area. I'm hiking and paddling streams all around the area when I visit. I hike streams that don't currently have enough water, dreaming and watching for when the water conditions might be good to go to run even short sections of them.

With each visit I probably drop \$1000 or more in the immediate area on groceries, lodging, gas, and occasionally guide services. I depend on a crew of at least four people, and they are all doing the same.

I believe these streams deserve protection based on the merit of their intrinsic wild nature. It would be truly sad for them to lose protection and be subject to impacts from extraction activities. Please know that losing eligibility and the protection of Wild and Scenic status would likely result in me and my crew taking our outdoor dollars elsewhere.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment!

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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