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Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

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This September I was fortunate enough to pass through Idaho for my very first time, and I used the opportunity to hike in on the Selway Trail #5 and packraft back out the Selway River. I was completely blown away by how beautiful and unspoiled the nature was. It was the clearest water I have ever seen anywhere in the world. I live in Colorado, and have seen the impacts of development in beautiful mountain areas. Colorado only has a single Wild and Scenic River, but Idaho has 89. After my trip last month, I have determined my intention to return to Idaho and paddle more of the beautiful Wild and Scenic Rivers. It breaks my heart to hear that you guys are considering removing this designation. It seems like such a shame for a place that has been protected by both it's natural remoteness and Governmental protections, to now be destroyed. Please keep all 89 streams in Idaho with the Wild and Scenic designation as protected. The world really needs places like this.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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