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Comments: Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

This land is beautiful and irreplaceable. I've been going into these watersheds my entire life. My dad took me horsepacking and elk hunting up the Lochsa and Selway drainages in my child hood. These trips formed my relationship with the Idaho wilderness. For the past 60 years since those first trips with my dad, I've continued to enjoy the mountains and rivers of this area. Please keep it wilderness! This wild country is too valuable in our overcrowded, hectic world. When it's gone it's gone.

I 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 support for their designation. I ask that you protect these streams as eligible by withdrawing your proposed suitability determinations from all alternatives in your draft analysis and plan. Alternately, you could simply maintain eligibility protections for streams you find unsuitable. My interest in wild rivers is not met or even considered by the Draft Plan in any alternative. Even the best alternative removes eligibility protections from over half of the streams you've found eligible, and thus the range of alternatives is too narrow.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Rex Oxford