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Comments: Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

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 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.

I am a river kayaker, canoer, and rafter of many years. I have enjoyed the Lochsa area many times over many years including the SF Clear water, the upper Lochsa, Selway, Salmon, and Big Sand Creek amongst others. These special places do deserve protection for ourselves and our future generations. The recreational, economic, and spiritual values of these rivers are great. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Rick Schoen MD