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Comments: Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

I have been kayaking and rafting on many of the streams and rivers that may now lose their wild and scenic designation such as the Clearwater, lochsa, and the salmon rivers. These rivers have been a vital and formative part of my life and my children's lives. I would like to someday take my grandchildren down these rivers. The wild and scenic designation will help my grandchildren have similar formative experiences with these special places. 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.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Emily Mahowald