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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.

While I have not paddled these rivers, I am an avid paddler that has run rivers in all parts of the country. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as the name implies, is to keep highly remarkable rivers as undisturbed as possible, keeping them wild and/or scenic. Long term protections are needed. Thousands of rivers have been dammed in this country and many of these dams no longer have a purpose. It is time to discontinue the process of short sighted thinking. We need to protect what we have left.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Heym