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Comments: Dear Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest,

Given you work for the USFS, I suspect we have a shared sense of awe and respect for the wild places in the world. The Next Perce Clearwater National Forest holds memories for me of crystal waters, delightfully terrifying rapids, pride in navigating said rapids, quiet early morning moments listening to the sounds of the water and wind in the trees. There are VERY few places like this that remain protected in the west, and this one is incredibly special.

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.

Humbly, Karina