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Comments: I have recently reviewed the released Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Revised Forest Plan. None of the alternatives presented reflect the management I would like to see implemented for the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Please accept these comments into the formal record.

The proposed great burn wilderness area has been a retreat for myself and a number of my friends and family for a long time. Matter in fact my grand father has be recreating in the great burn for over 60 years. It is imperative to keep this area wild. Wilderness areas have proven to positively impact local communities, clean water and clean air. It is our responsibility as the care takers of our land to conserve and preserve wild places for future generations.

Last summer I hiked into cedar log lake with 4 of my best friends. The lake was wild and full of native cutthroat trout. We were incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to catch our meals and drink water from out of the lake, this area provided a sustainable way of life for 3 days. I believe if snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles were allowed in this area it would lose its integrity as a wild place.

I also believe that this area should be managed as a wilderness area for the sake of clean water, clean air and prosperous communities.

When roads are introduced to wild places, the place loses its distinct character and sometimes purpose. Wilderness areas are intended to preserve habitat as well as provide isolated recreation opportunities. If motorized vehicles are allowed we lose out on wintering ranges for wildlife and these vehicles could negatively affect the benefits wilderness areas provide.

I am familiar with Kelly Creek, not only does it provide excellent fishing opportunities but it also provides outstanding habitat for all species native in that area. The creek and its tributaries provide some of the most awe inspiring views and recreational opportunities.

Protecting wilderness areas is essential to ensure the prosperity of our future.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the preservation of such a vital resource we have available to us.