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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.

As one of the largest unprotected roadless areas in the Lower 48, the Great Burn is deserving of permanent protection. It is beautiful, wild, and provides critical wildlife habitat for species that are increasingly hemmed in by development and resource extraction activities.

I have packed in the Great Burn from Clearwater Crossing to Goose Lake and across the Stateline Trail. The thrill of seeing imperiled mountain goats above Heart Lake and experiencing the wildness of the area was profound. The entire Great Burn(Hoodoo Roadless Area) should be recommended as wilderness in the final plan to protect this unique landscape.

With so few roadless areas remaining in the Lower 48 it is imperative to protect them all as recommended wilderness, including the Great Burn, East and West Meadow Creek, the Mallard-Larkins, and Weitas Creek, and others on the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests.

Snowmobiling is known to be detrimental to mountain goat populations, among other sensitive species, and none of the inventoried roadless areas should be open to motorized use on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests.

Many of the stream and river systems on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests offer critical fisheries habitat for steelhead, cutthroat trout, and bull trout. As a result, the North and South Fork Clearwater Rivers, Kelly Creek and its forks, Cayuse Creek, Meadow Creek, Fish Creek, and others, are suitable and worthy of wild and scenic rivers designation.

The new forest plan should have measurable, science-driven, quantitative standards.

Climate change caused by human activities should be recognized in the forest plan instead of claiming that we are simply in a natural warming period. The scientific evidence is overwhelming that humans are the leading cause of the earth's rapidly changing climate.

The forest plan should discuss the recovery of the grizzly bear in the region. Bear baiting should be prohibited in grizzly habitat.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment on the Nez Perce-Clearwater forest plan process.