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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.

I am 74 and have cared all my life about wild places and wild life and native plants. It has helped formed my being and I honor it. I have worked in environmental and conservation capacities and I served on the Great Burn Study Group board for many years. I have backpacked and hiked in the Burn many times and know it pretty well as a result.

I remember especially camping near Leo Lake when a powerful thunder and lightening storm sent us all diving into our tents. My friends and I and my sweet dog were all nervous about the storm, but its power and majesty, being in the raw elements in the natural world were worth every minute. It stretched me and made my life richer for this wild experience.

Being aware of the unusual opportunity that exists with all the roadless areas in the vicinity of the Great Burn is a powerful vision. Remember: once gone, this can never return to the wild, whole ecosystem that exists now. The Great Burn is probably the wildest part of that complex of roadless areas. The entire things should definitely be retained a proposed wilderness.

DO NOT ALLOW motorized vehicles into the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Wisdom requires that we retain the remaining wild lands that we have. Otherwise the world will be over run with mechanized whatevers. I, and many others now and to come, would be so much poorer and diminished. As it is now, I look at some places that, while they may seem natural, are really not. I look at them and know what isn't there. Its a tremendous loss.

Kelly Creek and Cayuse Creek, removed and wild, and home to wolves and elk (and many other animals) would make an excellent candidates for Wild and Scenic status.

We need to hold firm to wild lands. What if we no longer had them to remind us of the glory of our national heritage, to give us challenges, to expand our minds, to find the deep beauty in other wild beings and in our own solitude. I think it is important to remember that people are gradually losing our ability to know and understand wisdom through silence, and also the comaraderie of being together in beauty and in challenge where we are our only source of help. These are deep values and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest has the chance to

make a difference in honoring those values if you keep the Great Burn qualified for wilderness designation.

Thanks for this opportunity to comment. There is something majestic here. It should be left alone to be just that-
-majestic and unspoiled.