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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.

Our family has lived in Montana for fifty years this fall. We have enjoyed many of Montana's outdoor wonders but the Great Burn remains our most special place. Pristine, yet accessible, marvelous alpine meadows and peaks but not too daunting for young children, alive with native critters without the fear of Grizzlies, quiet and majestic while near sizable population centers...a truly one of a kind place.

One of our first hikes a backpack with two young boys, we neared Kidd lake and saw a moose. We dropped our packs to walk around the lake a bit further to see the moose and realized that she (it turned out) had moved towards our backpacks. We circled back to pick them up and as we did so she bluff charged us on several occasions. No way was she going to let us come near her and, as it turned out, her calf. After about an hour she gave up the game of taunting us and we were able to retrieve our packs and set up camp. the young boys have never forgotten the moose and packs episode nor have my wife and I. A true wild-lands experience.

I would like to see the entire area protected so it can function as an intact ecosystem rather than a fragmented area

There are plenty of areas for snowmobiles. give those of us who like the quiet of winter some place we can appreciate without your noisy intrusions.

Don't know much about the creeks or water drainages but, to protect the integrity of the Great Burn those drainage should be protected

I would support the recommendations of the Montana Wilderness Association and The Great Burn Conservation Alliance

Thankless job because can not please all interests. Do appreciate the endless time and thought they put into conserving one of the truly last best places