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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 a botanist and plant ecologist as well as an outdoor enthusiast. The Great Burn R.A. (Hoodoo) in Idaho and Montana is a nearby place I can get away to in order to escape noise and confusion. It is important for wildlife and for some rare plants.

I have hiked the MT-ID Divide and found the vistas and the solitude wonderful. There were people at Heart Lake but I saw no one on the ridge.

I would love to see the whole area protected from motorized and mechanized use. However, it might be reasonable to have limited areas available for winter motorized use if the machines were quiet.

Unfortunately if the Nez Perce allows snowmobile use, it will make the Lolo Forest more likely to do the same.

I know that Kelly Creek is used frequently by outfitters who would benefit from the area being designated as a wild and scenic river.

I rarely go on the Idaho side of the Great Burn except to hike the Divide, but what happens in Idaho will affect Montana

I am sure that Forest managers have put a lot of work into this project. You did a good job in the meeting held in Missoula a couple years ago.