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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 live in Montana and enjoy backpacking, mountain biking, rafting, skiing, and exploring our amazing public lands in the west. I have not yet been to Hoodoo Roadless Area, but it has been on my list for years. I used to live in Idaho and have seen pictures from friends' trips that show how spectacular the place is. I want to make sure the special qualities of the area are preserved so some day I can go there and see the wildlife and plant life that make it such an extraordinary place.

By protecting it as wilderness we can do that.

I would like to see the entire 151,874 acre roadless area continue to be managed as recommended wilderness.

If motorized use is allowed to expand into this area, it will threaten secure habitat for wildlife and fundamentally change the existing wilderness character of the place. It is important for us to preserve some places- especially a place as ecologically significant as this.

I would also like to see Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks recognized as wild and scenic. Idaho is the headwaters of so many important rivers, and it is critical we keep these places protected so that rare species like bull trout can continue to thrive there.

The Nez Perce Clearwater NF has so many exceptional natural resource values deserving of conservation protections, but I feel strongly that the Great Burn and Kelly and Cayuse creeks are exceptional, and should be protected above all else.

Thank you for the time and careful consideration if you and your fellow staff in reviewing public comment on this important process. I appreciate all you do for our public lands.