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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 a long-time resident of western Montana and former employee of Superior, Ninemile, and Missoula Ranger Districts, I have a very strong attachment to the Great Burn roadless area. I continue to spend many days each year in those drainages and along the ridges. I urge the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest to protect the non-motorized, wilderness character of the area. These wild areas are rapidly decreasing throughout the western U.S.. Maintaining their wilderness character - and associated watershed, wildlife, fisheries, cultural, non-motorized recreation values - is the highest and best use of the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Please do not permit the continued erosion of these irreplaceable values. If you remember the Forest Services mission - sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nations forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations - you will protect all remaining roadless areas. P.S. - the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF should work patiently but persistently to restore the area around Fish Lake, including elimination of motorized access which is the principal cause of erosion, garbage, and wildlife displacement in the area.

Walking 12 miles along the state line trail with two young (9 & 11yo) children to a subalpine lake where they both caught their first trout and ate them for breakfast with fresh-picked huckleberry pancakes while mountain goats grazed on the slopes above is a life-changing experience for all who were there. Please ensure future generations have the same opportunity in a pristine, non-motorized setting!

The Nez Perce-Clearwater NF must preserve ALL the existing Wilderness characteristics of all 151,874 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless Area. This will be the lasting legacy of Forest Supervisor Cheryl Probert and the other Forest employees involved in this decision. Fulfill your mission to sustain these Wilderness values for present and future generations by recommending the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness, and manage the area accordingly - by maintaining and restoring their non-motorized character

The entire Hoodoo Roadless Area must remain non-motorized in perpetuity! Winter motorized access is fundamentally inconsistent with the Wilderness character of the area, and could undermine the areas future designation as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This would be a tragedy! Of course, allowing winter motorized access to the critical wildlife corridor will further threaten the continued existence of lynx, Wolverine, wolves, and other imperiled species. In addition, winter motorized access will further stress elk and populations in the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Please do not allow the degradation of these irreplaceable ecological values.

The roadless portion of Kelly Creek, including all tributaries, should be designated as Wild under the W&SR Act. Downstream of the roadless area to the confluence with the North Fork of the Clearwater should be designated as a scenic and recreational river. The same for Cayuse Creek.

Thank you for your efforts to protect the priceless values of the roadless, recommended Wilderness, and designated Wilderness areas of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest!