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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.

The Great Burn is one of my favorite places because it is so wild. It doesn't have the dramatic mountain walls of Glacier, and because of that it doesn't have the people. It feels wild. I would love to see the Great Burn remain a recommended Wilderness area to help preserve the "wild" feel of this small corner of our country.

I've been up on the Stateline Trail near Hoodoo Pass in the middle of clouds drifting by my face. Visibility was next to nothing and the only thing I could hear was water slowly dripping off leaves near me as the cloud droplets accumulated. The silence was special. Because of the stillness I could "feel" the cloud, a sensation I have not often felt. Maintaining the quiet of the Great Burn is important to me.

I would like to see the Great Burn continue to be managed the way it has been managed. Limiting motors helps preserve the quiet for human solitude, and the health of the ecology and biology in the area. The Idaho and Montana area have a plenty of places to explore via motor, which I also enjoy, and I feel that we should protect the areas that remain for wildlife and foot traffic.

The Great Burn area is a special place in because of the relative ecological health of the area. Winter is often a time of less human strain on the system and allowing motorized use will put more strain on the creatures trying to survive in those already harsh conditions. Let's keep our winter motorized recreation limited to the thousands of miles of other areas that are open to use.

I do not have enough knowledge on the creeks and rivers in this area to share an informed opinion.

I support any plan that responsibly connects people to wild, "natural", areas. I have a strong emotional connection to the Great Burn area based on experiences I have had along the trails in the region, and I support others being able to establish similar connections. To me those connections are strongest when made by foot (whether that's hiking, fishing, hunting, skiing, on horseback, running, or backpacking)

I appreciate the ability to publicly comment on a plan that impacts the future of the landscape that I love. Thank

you for your time!