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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 business person I am concerned about long term economic impacts that will be driven by the forest planning process. I've heard people say they want the forest plan to be "economically sustainable." I want more than "sustainable," I want our economy to provide long-term prosperity for all.

What percentage of Americans would you estimate have seen a Mountain Goat in the wild, maybe 5%? What percentage of Americans would you estimate want to see Mountain Goat in the wild, maybe 25%? As our population increases and our wild places decrease, the law of supply and demand make it increasing difficult to meet the growing demand for outdoor experiences.

It would be very short sighted to think that short-term economic gain from snowmobilers is worth eliminating long-term gain from millions of Americans wanting to see rare wildlife such as Mountain Goats. The income from thousands of snowmobilers is nothing compared to the income from millions of Americans that will be seeking a glimpse of something wild 50 years from now.

I urge you to think of Americans yet unborn. Will they have a chance to see a Mountain Goat in the Hoodoo Roadless Area? Or will the Hoodoo be a noisy place only ideal for machines? Those options are assuming there will be enough snow for either animals or snowmobiles. Adding climate change into the decision making process makes it even more apparent, it would be a bad business decision to sacrifice ideal Mountain Goat habitat for snow machines. Please help ensure our economy and our people benefit from places like the Hoodoo Roadless Area 50 years from now.

I've been fortunate to see three Mountain Goats in the Great Burn. Sadly, the Mountain Goats are not doing well in the Great Burn. During a recent presentation I heard wildlife biologist Bruce L. Smith estimate there might be only a couple dozen Mountain Goats in the Great Burn today.

It's critical that we manage the Great Burn in a manner that gives Mountain Goats a chance to thrive.

I recommend the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness. Wild places are becoming increasing scarce. This wild place between Spokane and Missoula needs assistance now.

One key reason we have Mountain Goats have survived is they tend to stay in wild remote places. If motorized invade Mountain Goat areas, that area is no longer remote or wild. The Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain

non-motorized to help Mountain Goats survive.

Cold, clean water is becoming increasingly rare. Places with cold clean water are of course essential for fish, and fish draw people. The more cold clear water we have the more appealing our area will be 50 years from now. That means greater prosperity for all. Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek and all of its forks make them worthy of Wild and Scenic River status.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will become even more important to our economy going forward than in the past. But, going forward the economic impact will be driven by Americans seeking experiences in wild places. Building prosperity for tomorrow means preserving wild places for wild critters today. Our future will be different from our past. We'll need wild places for children raising and soul restoring. Please make the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests a place for the future.

Congratulations for the progress you've made on a very critical and massive project. Thank you for encouraging input from myself and others. I wish you a successful completion.