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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've backpacked many times in the Great Burn and find it a remarkably beautiful and wild place. It is a quiet place to find solitude and healing. I am a professional guide and naturalist and know the importance of keeping wild places wild. Wilderness is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

After a personal tragedy, I went to the Great Burn to find solace and healing. I stood under waterfalls, plunged into mountain lakes and let the sounds of nature revitalize my soul. I needed to get away from civilization to find restoration. Having a roadless and thus quiet place to retreat was invaluable to my well being.

It is my hope that the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

The US has over 4 million miles of roads. The Hoodoo Roadless Area should not be host to the addition of more roads. Animals and people need these special habitats to live. Just one snowmobile or car can negatively impact wildlife and a person's experience in nature. Let those who want more roads explore roads already in existence. We don't need more roads. We need more wild spaces. Only a few will benefit from building more roads in the wilderness but many, many will suffer the effects of such development.

I think the forest plan should recognize Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek and all of its forks as Wild and Scenic. These precious ecosystems should be preserved in perpetuity.

As guardians of wild places, thank you for your efforts in helping to preserve our precious resources. Wilderness is shrinking all over the globe. Let us take a stand for keeping wild places wild here in our part of the world. It's up to all of us to preserve the wild beauty of this planet.