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Comments: I recently drove through the area that the plan will affect and went cross country skiing at Lolo pass and fishing in the Lochsa river. The area is so beautiful and used by many recreationalists, which brings a lot of money into the area. I myself had driven from Victor, Id, where I live, to visit this area.

The rivers in the area are so pristine, I think all Americans would benefit from protection of many of the area rivers under the Wild and Scenic river act. Please recommend the North and South Fork of the Clearwater for this designation. Protection of these rivers would prevent them from ever being threatened by dams and water diversions.

There are so few areas that remain for the wildlife in this country that are not threatened by development and motorized use. Female wolverines, especially during their denning season, and mountain goats are especially sensitive to the stress and noise of motorized travel (snowmobiles). For this reason I oppose opening the Great Burn area to snowmobiles in the winter and any motorized travel in the summer. Let's keep these areas completely wild.

It also seems important to protect the Mallard-Larkins and Meadow Creek area with wilderness designations. This will keep the animal populations in a rare wild area stable as well as protect the watersheds to the valuable and unique fisheries downstream, not to mention keep these areas wild for people to visit in what continues to be a dwindling resource in our modern world. As our populations increase and these areas come under more and more pressure it is important to keep these few wild places for our future generations. Many outfitters, guides, lodges and business depend on these wild places to employ the people who live near these areas and bring many people to visit these areas, spend their money and support the local economies.

Thank you for taking public comments on the draft management plan for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. I hope your will take my comments under consideration.