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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 am an avid hiker, backpacker, and love to fish alpine lakes. My favorite part of living in the mountain west is the incredibly diversity of landscapes; there is always the promise of exploring a new wild area. The Great Burn encapsulates that feeling of excitement for me.

While I've never been to the Great Burn, the promise of its wild country is something I hold dear. I know it to be a special place because all I know who visit say it retains the mark of natural processes and is untrammelled by humans. My friends share tales of rugged, primitive adventures and makes me anticipate my eventual visit. However, I know if the area is not managed to protect these values for the long-term, it will lose a large part of what makes it special. I hope for myself and others who have not yet visited the Great Burn, it should not matter whether they visit it next year or in twenty years. The land should be managed for its highest potential value. For the Great Burn, this means wilderness.

As such, I support a recommending the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area as Wilderness in this coming forest plan. Our roadless areas are fast disappearing, and the demand for primitive recreation continues to grow with the size of Montana and Idaho's populations. Preserving what wild country we have left is of the utmost importance to myself and those in my community.

Any motorized use, even in the winter time, represents a threat to the long-term preservation of wilderness values.

And as you may expect from reading my comment thus far, I am also supportive of Wild and Scenic River Designations in the forest plan. These designations are important tools to help protect the resource and ensure that our outdoor way of life will continue to be possible on places like the Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek.

Finally, I'd like to address the important role our US Forest Service lands play as carbon storage. Climate change is real, and poses a threat to all of our children's livelihoods. Maintaining the maximum amount of undisturbed landscapes is one key component of reversing the harmful effects of climate change in the years to come.

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read my comment and all the hard work your forest is putting into the planning process!