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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft management plan for the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest. I would like to see the entire Great Burn area OPEN to motorized vehicles, particularly snowmobiles and NOT shut down to be left to rot as wilderness! The Forest Service closed this area to snow machines several years ago and that SHOULD BE REVERSED! The area was closed to supposedly protect mountain goats, wolverines, lynx and other wildlife. It was also closed to protect the area's wilderness character. However, this is a government overreach and over restriction as it has been proven time and again that snowmobiles, especially those manufactured to today's standards, do not pose a threat to wildlife or the wilderness character. In fact, in many instances, snowmobile tracks and trails provide much needed relief from the burden of deep snow for wildlife travel. It is very disturbing to learn that the Forest Service may turn these areas into wilderness, preventing almost everyone from accessing and enjoying these beautiful areas that should be accessible by all. Please OPEN the Great Burn area to snowmobiles.

I also want to see the Mallard-Larkins, East Meadow Creek, and West Meadow Creek kept from being designated as wilderness. The Mallard-Larkins is a favorite destination for many types of recreation as is East and West Meadow Creek harbor. A wilderness designation is absolutely THE WRONG move and these areas should be open to recreation with responsible forestry management practices used so access and enjoyment can be had for current and future generations alike, which will also be in harmony with the wildlife.

Finally, I want to encourage the Forest Service to protect the North Fork and South Fork Clearwater Rivers from the extremist environmental groups and their desire to shut down access with more restrictive wild and scenic designations. The North and South Fork rivers SHOULD NOT be designated as "Wild and Scenic", and instead, should be resources open for all to access and enjoy.