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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.

One of the largest roadless areas in the Lower 48, the Great Burn provides critical habitat and migration corridors for grizzlies, wolverines, and mountain goats. I am an avid hiker, and the area's wild character and opportunities for quiet, backcountry recreation are invaluable assets.

As a Missoula resident, I often seek out opportunities for non-motorized backcountry recreation away from high-use areas. Managing the Great Burn as wilderness will protect these opportunities, while also preventing the decline of mountain goats, wolverines, and other species negatively impacted by motorized use. This management will also protect the area's wilderness values and potential for future wilderness designation.

I would like to see the entire 151,874-acre Great Burn managed as recommended wilderness, with no portion of this area opened to winter motorized recreation. I would also like to see Cayuse Creek as well as the north, middle, and south forks of Kelly Creek in the Great Burn recognized as suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers to protect important fish habitat.

Prohibiting winter motorized use in the Great Burn is critically important, as this use impacts several key species that rely on the area for habitat and migration corridors. Wolverines, a proposed threatened species, have exhibited avoidance of and negative functional responses to motorized winter recreation such as snowmobiling. These impacts are most apparent in female wolverines, who rely on remote areas with deep and persistent snow for denning habitat (Heinemeyer et al 2019). Snowmobiling also negatively impacts native mountain goats in the region, who have experienced demonstrated population declines.

Further, motorized recreation in the Hoodoo Roadless Area will degrade its wilderness character and limit the opportunities for quiet, non-motorized recreation.

In addition to my previous recommendations for the Great Burn, Cayuse Creek, and the forks of Kelly Creek, I would also like to see the Mallard-Larkins and East/West Meadow Creek areas managed as recommended wilderness. The Mallard-Larkins provides critical habitat for elk, mountain goats, and cutthroat trout as well as numerous opportunities for non-motorized recreation. The East and West Meadow Creek area contains some of the highest levels of wild salmon, steelhead, trout, and char in the Rocky Mountains and should be designated as recommended wilderness to protect this important fish habitat. I would also like to see the North Fork Clearwater River, an important cutthroat and bull trout fishery, and the South Fork Clearwater River, one of the only B-run steelhead fisheries in Idaho, identified as suitable for Wild and Scenic Rivers designation.

Thank you to the forest service revision team for putting together these planning documents and for taking these recommendations into consideration.