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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.

My name is Elena Ulev and I have lived in Missoula for 21 years. I think that the Great Burn is an absolute gem and one of Montana's best kept secrets. We like to backpack with our children there and appreciate the quietude, pristine beauty and unique ecosystem.

Recently, while backpacking there we heard an awful, loud noise coming from the ridge line about 1,000 feet above our campsite and lo and behold it was a motorized dirt biker that kept screeching back and forth. It was so disappointing to see and hear that in such a pristine place. And what about the negative effects on wildlife such as mountain goats and bears that are very sensitive to human intrusion? We have encountered serious erosion on some of the hiking trails from dirt bikes also. There are plenty of places for motorized vehicles to ruin and the Great Burn is NOT one of them. It is a majestic place that needs to finally be designated as WILDERNESS for future generations! Thank you.

As stated in my previous paragraph, the Great Burn is my favorite place in Montana because it is not inundated with people. Allowing more motorized vehicles is a detriment to this unique environment.

The entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area needs to be managed as Recommended Wilderness. The destructive motorized vehicle users have plenty of other places to go.

Erosion, noise pollution and disrupting natural behaviors of wildlife are but a few negative impacts of motorized vehicles in the Hoodoo Roadless Area. This is a unique ecosystem with uncommon animals such as mountain goats and pikas and it should remain as pristine as possible.

The more Wild and Scenic rivers including Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek and all its forks that we have in Montana the better. Tourism is Montana's biggest money maker and the more places that we have that are designated as Wild and Scenic and Wilderness the better.

Let's try to decrease noise pollution. It's hard to find completely quiet places to think and enjoy life. Let's think about plants and animals and what they need too. We do not need more motorized vehicles creating erosion, pollution and impacting quiet experiences that non-motorized users are trying to have in this increasing chaotic world.

Thank you, forest planning team, for working hard to create this plan. I am a former Forest Service employee and know how much work goes into this process. -Elena Ulev