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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 live in Missoula and am a very active hiker, trail runner and advocate for wildlife. I have experienced first hand the beauty of the Great Burn and am very concerned about the potential that this unique and beautiful wilderness is under threat.

I have hiked in the Great Burn and was struck by its beauty, solitude, and "unspoiltness." On my first hike, the Bear Grass was at its peak and covered the hillside - waves of white in the summer breeze. I learned a lot about the area during my hike (it was led by a person who was very knowledgeable and had a long history of hiking in the Gt. Burn) Even then, I learned that there was pressure to open the area up in the winter and the dangers it would pose to Mountain Goats, Wolverines, and forever alter the characteristics of the area. I strongly believe that since this area is one of the largest roadless areas in the lower 48 that we must protect it as a valuable asset. It should not be carved up and snowmobiles should NOT be allowed in any portion. There are plenty of other areas for that activity. Once motorized vehicles are allowed in a wilderness, the wilderness is lost forever.

I strongly urge that the Great Burn is protected in its entirety and managed as a Recommended Wilderness.

As I mentioned in earlier in my comments, once motorized vehicles are allowed in a wilderness that classification is lost forever, habitat and wildlife are subject to unnatural pressures that endanger their safety and survival. Snowmobiles do NOT belong in wilderness.

I also urge the forest plan to recommend recognizing as Wild and Scenic the Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek (and all of its forks). The designation will help to protect the rivers and fisheries.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to have input on the Forest Plan. The areas under consideration and unique and treasures that we are obligated to protect for this and future generations.

thank you for the hard work that goes into constructing a forest plan.