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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 a resident of the Jocko Valley located on the Flathead Reservation. I spent much of my life living and working in developing countries and have observed first hand the destruction of the environment which is taking place. I have hike all over the Burn and found it a special place on this planet.

So many stories! I had several adventures involving setting fur traps along Kelley Creek to identify fisher populations - we never saw any, but got lost setting the snares. Hiking along ridges N & S from Hoodoo pass looking for white bark pine again took us off the trail - again got lost near Lost Lake, as light was fading.

I strongly feel the entire 151,874 acre area should be managed as recommended wilderness. I do not support allowing motorized access in any part of this area which would fundamentally change its character.

I have hiked in parts if the areas that are proposed to be opened to winter motorized access and feel that opening up those areas would fundamentally change their character including having a negative effect on wildlife who use those areas as winter range.

I have made several trips into Kelly creek and assisted with invasive species removal. I strongly support having Kelly creek receiving a wild and scenic designation to better protect this magical valley.

There are several areas along the divide that we have enjoyed hiking into - the Mallard Larkin is definitely among the areas that deserve protection. I have enjoyed experiencing wilderness in several parts of the NW which I think is something that future generations should also be able to enjoy. Definitely life changing.

I very much appreciate the professionalism and patience of the forest planning team responsible for this effort. I have been involved in early FP efforts for the Nez Piece as well as the Clearwater and Lolo and have a sense of how much work is involved just to getting to this point. Thanks and hang in there!