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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.

Alternative Z (I believe) best reflects the management I would like to see implemented for the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Please accept these comments into the formal record.

I'm a life-long resident of Superior, MT and have been dayhiking and backpacking in much the Hoodoo roadless area for the past 50 years.

I especially love the Rhodes peak, Williams peak, Shale mountain, Cache saddle, Granite peak and Leo Lake areas for their beauty, solitude and remoteness. I have backpacked in these areas twice per year since 1973. In journal/register on Rhodes peak, I've probably made 20+ entries from various backpack trips through the years.

In the 1970's until the late 1980's you could see an abundance of elk and mule deer in most of the Hoodoo roadless area. Mountain goat populations in the Goat lake, Rhodes peak, Williams peak and Shale mountain areas were also very plentiful.

I counted over 300 elk and 85 mountain goats in various herds/groups during our first backpack trip to Rhodes peak in 1973.

Since the proliferation of introduced wolves, elk populations have been decimated. Mountain goat populations also are small---which I attribute more to motorized snowmobiling activity/disturbance in critical areas.

On similar backpacking trips (in recent years) into Rhodes peak, Cache saddle, Williams peak, Goat lake and Shale mountain, I've seen ZERO elk and mountain goats.

However, I have seen a small mountain goat herd in the Heart, Dalton lake area in recent years.

I honestly am very confused with all the maps, information, etc. on the Nezperce Clearwater NF forest plan revision site.

However, I believe that I support alternative Z, with specific mention of not allowing snowmobile use/disturbance in the Rhodes peak, Williams peak, Cache saddle, Shale mountain, Goat and Leo lakes areas. Also, no snowmobiling in the Heart, Dalton, Trio and Goose lakes areas in order to protect mountain goat populations. All these areas are critical to maintaining viable mountain goat populations and need to be protected from motorized use/snowmobile disturbances.

To me the native mountain goat is the quintessential representation of what is best about the Hoodoo roadless area.....beautiful, graceful, cautious, yet tough and hearty.

As I documented before, In order to protect and allow viable mountain goat populations, snowmobiling should not be allowed in the Heart, Dalton, Trio, Goose lake areas as well as the Rhodes peak, Williams peak, Shale mountain, Cache saddle, Goose and Leo lakes.

If the proposed 53,000 acres (to be opened to snowmobiles use) do not include any of the above-mentioned areas (critical to mountain goat populations), I do NOT oppose snowmobile use.

In reviewing the Nezperce Clearwater NF forest plan alternatives/maps, etc, I cannot tell where the proposed snowmobile-allowed areas are.

Kelly creek (and tributaries), Crooked Fork, Boulder creek, Cause creek (and tributaries) and Silver creek are all worthy of Wild and Scenic designation. I've visited them and all are incredibly beautiful.

I have no more recommendations other than protecting the areas that I mentioned before (critical to mountain goats) from motorized snowmobile use/disturbance.

Again, I am NOT opposed to snowmobile use outside of the areas I mentioned above.

I cannot decipher from your maps where the 53,000 acres of proposed snowmobile use will be.....

I want to thank you for all your efforts in creating various alternatives concerning the the forest plan revision.
Thank you for the opportunity for me to give my opinion.