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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.

As a young person, and as someone who cares deeply for the environment, it is vital to protect wild spaces like the Great Burn wilderness. It is these places that remind us of what it means to be completely wild and untouched by humanity. These areas should not be taken away from me, my children, or my grandchildren: they have just as much of a right, a uniquely American right, to see this place as it was 10, 20, or hundreds of years ago. I implore you to keep this area wild and do not shrink or eliminate the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness. Also, do not open 53,000 acres of the Great Burn to snowmobiles.

I have not had the good fortune of visiting the Great Burn yet, but I intend to visit in 2 or 3 years, and I desperately want this area to still be there, UNTOUCHED, for me to experience.

I ask that the entire 151,874 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness, or fall under greater protection.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain non-motorized because the introduction of motorized travel like snowmobiles into the Great Burn would have vast negative impacts on the sensitive mountain goat population. Moreover, a decision to shrink or eliminate the Recommended Wilderness in the new forest plan would open up the Great Burn to road building, timber harvest, and other threats that would forever alter the character and quality of one of our nations most impressive roadless areas. Please do not allow this to happen.

I ask that Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks be designated as Wild and Scenic rivers. They are incredibly beautiful, and should acquire this high protection status to maintain their wild beauty and incredible, complex ecosystems.

The interests of logging and any other ecosystems do not outweigh the vast economic services this area provides in carbon-intake and clean, pure water. Again, I have a right to see and experience these incredible spaces untouched. What is at stake is future generations of Americans getting to experience part of what makes America so incredible. DO NOT shrink this wilderness and DO NOT allow for motorized travel.

I know this is incredibly difficult, forest planning for such a vast area. I very much appreciate you trying to do what you believe is best for the wilderness and the surrounding communities. Thank you for your time and for allowing me and others to have a stake in this process. Have a great day, and thank you for working hard every day for these wild and wonderful spaces.