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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 have backpacked through the Hoodoo Roadless Area several times, including a four day, seventy-mile trip on the Idaho/Montana Stateline Trail, along with shorter trips to several lakes within the Roadless Area. This is one of the wildest and most special places I have hiked. It is deserving of the highest protection, which is Wilderness designation.

On a four-day, 70-mile backpack trip I experienced solitude and close-up wildlife encounters, including a bull moose who descended to a lake where I was camped at sunset and proceeded to feed on water plants as I watched from my campsite. By managing for non-motorized recreation and the area's immense Wilderness values, others can share this type of experience into the future. The area deserves to be managed as proposed Wilderness in the interim.

The entire 151, 874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area should be managed as Recommended Wilderness. This should include a prohibition of motorized recreation and mechanized recreation.

Motorized recreation in any season is incompatible with management for Recommended Wilderness, which is how the Hoodoo Roadless Area should be managed.

Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek drainages should be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. These are world-class trout fisheries and attract anglers from great distances, both for the fishing and for the wild character of the Roadless Area.

The impacts of motorized and mechanized recreation on endangered flora and fauna should be studied and taken into consideration, along with a management plan that is in keeping with Recommended Wilderness/potential future Wilderness designation.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on an area that is very important to me.