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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 hunter and angler, I value our wild public lands and the habitat and clean water they provide. I also backpack with my family and spend a lot of time in the Hoodoo Roadless Area. We fish, watch mountain goats and other wildlife, disconnect and get some quiet time away from motorized use and cell service. Were not alone up there, many folks use this area, but we do have enough space to feel like its all ours.

If motorized use is allowed the mountain goat habitat will be destroyed. Weve never seen more goats than we have in the Hoodoo area, and its a herd thats still recovering. With a little more time theyll get to a huntable and sustainable population number, valued by sportsmen like myself. But if motorized use is allowed or over snow use persists, these goats will struggle to hit huntable numbers.

The great burn area is special and unique and represents a once in a generation opportunity to protect old growth forest. We have plenty of places to ride ohvs. The vast majority of public lands are open to mororized use. I too use motorized equipment but believe that some places - in the spirit of the multiple use mandate - are deserving of non motorized considerations. This is one of those places.

Two words: mountain goats.

Lets give em space and let em flourish so we can generate conservation funds through fish and game by allowing one or two tags to be applied for each season. Hunting applications and licenses generate big income. All we need to do is let them do their thing with space and quiet, especially in the winter when theyre stressed and weak.

And the clean waters in this area are crucial for folks downstream and for the native cutthroat trout. Lets keep theses wild and scenic for all to enjoy, our generation and the next.

Thanks for listening to sportsmen who want to keep this area wild.

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