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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.

Born in Idaho and raised in Montana, I want to save our wilderness heritage as it is for many future generations to come. Keep our wild places wild!

From grandparents to great-grandchildren and all in between, my family has hiked, ridden horseback, camped, fished, and hunted the Hoodoo, the Bob, and the Bitterroot-Selway for generations. These places are our sanctuary and inspiration. Please! Keep it wild.

I and all the generations of my family want to see the Great Burn protected and we are recommending that the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness today and forever.

The Forest Service has proposed allowing winter motorized access to 53,000 acres in the Hoodoo Roadless Area, but the Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain non-motorized because a pristine natural status is intrinsically and practically more valuable for all of us. Keep in mind that nature has been the great steward and manager of wild places for many thousands of years. Keep it wild. Keep it perfect as it is.

I recommend Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks, be recognized as being worthy of wild and scenic river status because of its natural, pristine, and untrammled state. This area is a haven and sanctuary to my soul.

Please protect all of the natural hot springs in this wilderness area from development. They are sacred and uniquely special for the healing of body and soul.

I wish to thank the US Forest Service and the Forest Planning Team for your consideration, and for listening to my plea to keep this wild place as wilderness, and designated as non-motorized.