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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 love to fish, hunt, backpack and backcountry ski in the Great Burn. Motorized access will destroy the wild character of the Great Burn area. One need look no further than the rampant illegal OHV use in the Grave Creek Range (HD 203) to the easy to see evidence. I love the Great Burn in all its wild uniqueness and absolutely oppose any off-road motorized use.

I ski extensively on the State Line from Hart Lake north to Eagle Cliff in the headwaters of the Dry Creek drainage, and I do it under human power. Yes, we all drive to the trailhead, but a prerequisite for steeping in the wild solitude of this quiet, pristine alpine terrain is the ability and willingness to work hard to get there. The first time I climbed and skied the couloir above Diamond Lake, I had an indescribable sense of accomplishment and love for this incredible place which I could see clearly should be designated as Wilderness.

It is essential that the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

There are already an abundance of places for winter OHV users to recreate. Motorized access to this area will destroy its wild character, eliminate opportunities for human-powered winter solitude enjoyed by thousands each year, and negatively impact a variety of species of resident wildlife. Furthermore, as partly evidenced by the snowmobile avalanche fatalities at Dinah Lake in the Swan this winter, poor decision making by motorized users is likely to result in injuries, death, and undue strain on Search and Rescue resources. Access to Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain entirely non-motorized.

I packrafted almost the entire length of Cayuse Creek down past the confluence with Kelly Creek in summer 2019. The Cayuse drainage is incredibly special and remote, and has all the hallmark characteristics of Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers. I saw a cow and calf moose cross the creek 50 yards in front of me, and a grizzly bear spent significant time in Kelly Creek last year, testament to its wild character and importance as habitat for endangered and other sensitive species of wildlife. This area is rife with illegal OHV use, and has hundreds of miles of damaging and unnecessary roads and motorized trails, both legal and illegal. Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all of its tributaries should be designated as Wild and Scenic.

NPCNF must provide for reforestation activities on low elevation mixed conifer forests struggling to regenerate naturally following wildfire.

As a forest biometrician, I have great reverence for the planning process, and appreciate the hard, thoughtful work of all members of the NPCNF forest planning team.