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Comments: The roadless areas on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests are priceless relics of a wilderness landscape that only a century ago stretched from Mullan Pass to central Idaho. These remnant areas offer the last habitats for numerous species that cannot abide frequent human contact, and especially harassment from men on machines such as ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and mountain bikes. Whether such harassment occurs purposefully or in the course of normal recreation does not matter a great deal; mechanized use tends to displace elk, mountain goats, wolverines, lynx, fisher and other species. It is imperative that the remaining roadless lands on these public lands be conserved to the maximum extent possible. For this reason I support the closure of the Hoodoo, Mallard-Larkin, Bitterroot Slope, Weitas and other identified roadless areas to snow machines and all other mechanized uses. I also support adoption of enforceable standards for stream protection, retention of all designated old-growth tree stands, and full protection of wild and scenic river corridors from logging.