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Comments: Wild and Scenic Rivers

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

During the last 25 years I have been blessed to canoe a number of Idaho streams with my family. Idaho is a state with a beautiful and varied environment that we enjoyed immensely during two separate extended trips to the western US. And of all the western states Idaho and Montana are my favorites. And from my lifetime experience lived in the North Georgia mountains, new streams aren't being created. even by the removal of old dams, etc. I won't live long enough to see the environment return to a pristine state. Once lost it is very difficult to reverse the damage.

I am writing to ask that all 89 streams that you have found eligible for Wild and Scenic designation remain protected as eligible in the new forest plan, and to voice support for their suitability for designation. My interest in wild rivers is not met or even considered by the Draft Plan in any alternative. Even the best alternative removes eligibility protections from over half of the streams you've found eligible, and thus the range of alternatives is too narrow.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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