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Comments: Dear Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests:

I would like to provide some brief comments on the proposed wilderness area known as the Great Burn Wilderness. Honestly I have not spent any time in this area before, but after reading *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan, I feel like I know this area intimately. I would like to visit the area and spend time there myself. This is a place where I could appreciate not only the vistas, the beauty, the wildlife, but the history and art of nature as it reproduces itself, back to a time that man perhaps as long forgotten. Not many alive today can appreciate, let alone remember. There is value in this.

There is also value in understanding how fire, once thought so damaging can renew a forest. We as humans have a chance to view and study this change right before our eyes. This land has far more potential for study and appreciation than it does for any commercial exploitation.

I ask that the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest remain wilderness for all future generations. I want to see these lands as they have returned. There is value and wonder in that for me.