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Comments: Thank you for considering our comments regarding Nez Perce-Clearwater NF Forest Plan Revision #44089. My spouse and I have lived in Idaho for most of our lives (moved here in 1978) and have lived in both the panhandle and southern Idaho. During that time, I think we have recreated in every National Forest in this state. We have always enjoyed the variety of outdoor sports that this state affords. These include off-road (UTV) travel, snow skiing, water sports, camping, and hiking.

Our main concern in regard to this National Forest is "access for all". Thus, we oppose additional wilderness designation at this time and support Alternative X as described in the DEIS. Our only reservation with Alternative X is that timber harvest is outside the sustainable yield metric. I suppose no plan is perfect, but we see Alternative X as being the best fit with state and local forest usage plans...a big plus in our views.

From a personal perspective, we are finding that as we get older our own mobility isn't exactly increasing. Thus, our concern regarding "access for all" and the sharing of Idaho's wonderful forests for folks whether they are hiking or using motorized transport is taking a personal turn. Continuing to increase designated wilderness for the benefit of a relatively narrow group of people is contrary to our "access for all" philosophy. While we certainly recognize and appreciate the benefits of wilderness, we think we have enough in Idaho.

Respectfully,

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