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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.

The Great Burn is an incredibly unique landscape - a true gem with its mix of old-growth forests, meadows, peaks, lakes, and streams. It provides critical wildlife habitat for rare and endangered species and serves as an important connection between the Crown of the Continent and the Selkirk-Cabinet-Yaak.

Personally, it is where I took my very first backpacking trip when I moved to Montana more than 25 years ago and it's where I took my daughter on her first backpacking trip at age 5. I sincerely hope that it remains untouched so that she might take her children there and see it as it is today.

As I mentioned, I took my first backpacking trip on the west fork of Fish Creek. Experiencing the solitude, quiet, and peacefulness of the backcountry sparked my appreciation for truly wild places. I can't fathom the idea that the Great Burn might be open to motorized use or worse yet - lose its recommended wilderness status and be open to additional development. This would be an absolute tragedy.

Please protect the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness.

Motorized use is harmful to wildlife populations, damages vegetation, and results in air and sound pollution. This especially ecologically significant area should remain untouched by any type of motorized vehicle.

Please recommend Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all of their forks as Wild and Scenic.

Please consider protecting Hoodoo as Recommended Wilderness.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my comments.