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Comments: We would like to see the entire Great Burn area protected as "wilderness". The Forest Service closed this area to snow machines several years ago to protect mountain goats, wolverines, lynx and other wildlife and to protect the area's wilderness character and support a valuable recreation wilderness. Please keep the Great Burn entirely off-limits to ALL snowmobiles. Increased motorized recreation along the Idaho-Montana border would affect movement of wildlife through this critical migration area.

I would like to see the Mallard-Larkins, East Meadow Creek, and West Meadow Creek protected as "wilderness". The Mallard-Larkins provides outstanding opportunities for hiking, backpacking, hunting, and fishing for primitive backcountry recreation. East and West Meadow Creek has the greatest diversity of wild salmon, steelhead, trout, and char anywhere in the Rocky Mountains. Please preserve the wilderness designation to protect this important fish habitat. This wilderness designation promotes mitigation of sustainable efforts to support devastating temperature rises, rain shortfalls and droughts and frequent and intense storms and fires that ravage our lands and endanger our health.

Please protect the North Fork and South Fork Clearwater Rivers by designating them as "wild and scenic" so there will be no threat of potential dam sites on the rivers that would affect the cutthroat trout and bull trout. The North Fork is a tremendous cutthroat trout fishery, and one of Idaho's few B-run steelhead fisheries is found in the South Fork. The current plan has quantifiable standards for fish habitat, such as a 300-foot buffer along streams. The proposed plan has no measurable standards to protect stream substrate. This is unacceptable and appears to ignore imperiled fish populations.

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