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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.

I have lived in Missoula since 1988. I first visited the Idaho portion of the Hoodoo Roadless Area in 1990 and have returned many times since to enjoy the quiet and solitude.

One experience I would like to note is a time I slept under the stars in the beargrass above the headwaters of the South Fork of Kelly Creek and awoke just before dawn to a herd of elk walking slowly uphill past me and my dew covered sleeping bag. I knew I was in a wild place and have been committed to keeping it wild ever since.

I support managing the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness

There are millions of acres of in the northern Rockies open to snowmobile recreation. Why open another 53,000 acres of some of the most wild and pristine? Although I believe most snowmobile users follow the rules, it is almost certain that some snowmobile users will take advantage of this proposal to trespass into even more non-motorized terrain, especially in the area along the state line south of Hoodoo Pass. What will keep snowmobile use to that narrow band along the border. And illegal abuse would be nearly impossible to enforce.

The forest plan should recognize Cayuse Creek and all forks of Kelly Creek as worthy of Wild and Scenic River status and manage them as such. I've explored many of the forks of Kelly Creek and supported noxious weed management efforts on the main stem by the Great Burn Study Group. I've also traveled several miles downstream next to Cayuse Creek below Cayuse Junction. These headwater streams of the Clearwater deserve every protection and designation available

Please continue to manage all roadless portions of the Clearwater as recommended wilderness to protect critical wildlife habitat, migration corridors, and water quality. Keep the trails in these areas quiet, even in winter. Please don't encourage or condone motorized use and recreation any more than already occurs.

I understand how much time and effort Forest staff and the planning team has devoted to create this forest plan. I can only imagine how difficult it is to create a forest plan that balances all interests. Thank you for your service.