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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. I am Paul Otey from Bonner County where I farm with my family. I write today expressing my support of parts of the Forest Service's alternatives as presented in the Draft EIS for the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, Forest Plan Revision. I specifically support the proposals of increased timber harvest, sustained livestock grazing options, and no additional designations of any type. The Federal Government already has removed enough of Idaho lands from the tax rolls. A further removal would mean that us residents of Idaho would have to find another way to be taxed.

Idaho and the general public benefit from our national forests when they are properly managed and used. As a farmer, I understand the need to actively manage my lands and resources. With the increased risk of wildfires that we have seen in recent years, I expect the same attention to resource management of the federal agencies.

I support the active management of our national forests, including such activities as grazing and logging. I ask the Forest Service to revise the forest management plan to fully embrace the principle of multiple-use and reject further proposals of Wilderness or Wild & Scenic River designations.