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Comments: Comments on Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs Forest Plan Revision #44089

Dear Zach Peterson,

Please accept these comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Plan Revision.

I am extremely disappointed with the one-sided proposal put out which clearly out prioritizes all uses of the public lands in favor of industry and in particular leasing for extraction.

Can I remind you that these lands are legally required to be managed for multiple uses. There is no one dominant use, regardless how much the administration and its campaign money donating cronies may wish it to be. I appeal to you to act with integrity and provide a balanced management plan, as required by law.

I also want to say that I am a very strong supporter of the idea of Wilderness, of the Wilderness Preservation System, and of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule as originally drafted by the Clinton Administration. As such, you can guess that I have a lot of complaints against the current draft proposal, and I request that it be updated to better reflect a management balance that includes the preservation of genuine wilderness.

I urge the Forest Service to adopt a Revised Forest Plan that ensures the sustainability of ecological integrity on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest and provides for a diversity of plant and animal communities by adopting the following directions:

I fully support the Citizen Conservation Biology Alternative submitted by Friends of the Clearwater and request that it be fully analyzed as its own Alternative.

In summary, the final forest plan revision for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests must:

- * Administer existing Wildernesses as per the Wilderness Act.
- * Protect all roadless areas so they maintain the characteristics necessary to be designated as wilderness by Congress in the future. All roadless areas should be recommended for wilderness or protected by administrative non-motorized and non-mechanized back country designations. The plan should also limit mechanized access to provide secure areas for sensitive wildlife (wolverine, grizzly bear and even elk), and reduce erosion to streams, compaction of fragile soils, and the spread of invasive weeds.
- * Address climate change by reducing carbon emissions and promoting climate stability by emphasizing carbon storage in trees, down wood, and soils in the forest and reducing the use of motorized vehicles and fossil fuels.
- * Exclude roadless areas, existing and potential Wild and Scenic river corridors and proposed and existing Research National Areas from the suitable timber base and make them off limits to logging.
- * Protect Water, Soil and Aquatic Resources by maintaining and/or restoring the elements which characterize good native fish habitat and high water quality

Thank you for considering these views as you work to improve the proposed plan to better reflect the balanced

management decision making required and expected from our public Forests stewards.

Sincerely,
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