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

Dear Zach Peterson,

Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Plan Revision.

I strongly urge you to look closely at the Citizen Conservation Biology Alternative and consider replacing it with your draft plan (submitted by Friends of the Clearwater).

Your forest plan does NOT conform with the Wilderness Act.

As a key part of the largest Wilderness complex outside of Alaska, it's sad that you propose a weak forest management plan. Instead of protecting all roadless areas (and recommending them for wilderness designation), you are doing the opposite: pushing logging, road-building, allowing snowmobiles and ATVs!! This is INSANE and exactly the opposite of Wilderness.

Wilderness is there to protect wildlife. It's very definition means there is NO human activity there. Instead, you should be thinking about how to better protect this gorgeous, precious place for Wildlife. No motorized vehicles, no fossil fuels, no logging!!

The focus should be on how to improve habitat (no fragmentation!), water quality and to protect forests and soil as carbon sinks. Allow fire to take its natural course.

Sincerely,

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