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

Dear Zach Peterson,

Hi there,

I'm writing regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Plan Revision.

I'm asking that you do not weaken the forest plan in anyway, but instead that you strengthen protections for the forest. Our public lands are facing a number of threats in our modern era and the flora and fauna need safe places now more than ever.

Clear-cutting, road creation, and increased motorized vehicle usage is not the way to go here. Instead, recreation and increased wilderness management needs to be looked at. Visitation to the forest is drastically up in recent years. People escape to the forest for nature and solitude. That's hard to do when there's nothing but a field of stumps to see with the sound of ATVs roaring in the distance. Threatened animals like wolves and grizzly bears need corridors and territory to roam. Many times this roaming can take them out of national forest land where they can be hunted from above by helicopters. This too needs to be reevaluated.

I could go on but I support and urge you to consider the Citizen Conservation Biology Alternative by Friends of the Clearwater as an alternative.

The NPCNF is the largest continual national forest system in the contiguous U.S. We should use it as an example of how to properly protect public lands and keep them as pristine as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment and for all the work that you have done for our public lands.

- Dustin Kemptner

Sincerely,

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