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

Dear Zach Peterson,

Draft EIS for the Nez Perce-Clearwater forest plan

This plan needs to fully protect designated wilderness areas as wilderness. There should be no diluting or chipping away of wilderness standards such as allowing any kind of motorized public use such as ATVs or electric bikes. [I do endorse battery powered saws and cutters but only for maintenance work.]

Forests that are not legal wilderness areas but do not have roads should be left as roads. More and more Americans seek the ever decreasing acreage of solitude, quiet and unpolluted by noise peace. Roads are bad news. Roads= more soil erosion = more clear cutting = illegal dumping = drug activity = wildlife poaching = illegal camping and other human caused degradation of forest values. No more roads. And please plan to close off abandoned roads.

Better protect rivers, streams and the habitats along them. Require maintained fencing to keep cows out of riparian strips. Require stock tanks be installed for cow water.

Reduce the size and number of clear cuts. Require logging debris to be scattered out over the soil to rot naturally, no slash piling. Require replanting with as many species of trees and shrubs as possible to increase the rebirth of a forest ecosystem rather than a tree farm. National Forests are no place for tree farming.

Do what is scientifically right for the long term forest health. Please do all you can to resist the short-lived political pressures now being exerted on resource managers by industry serving, short term political appointees. Protect your forest; protect your biological integrity.

Sincerely,

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