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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft management plan for the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest. I have spent considerable time fishing and hiking in the Great Burn area and would definitely like to see this area protected as wilderness. It is a true and rare gem that needs to remain as it is. I do not favor the introduction of snow mobiles to this region for the same reasons they were proscribed years ago.

The Mallard-Larkins is another of my favorite back-packing destinations and needs to be preserved as it is, preferably through a wilderness designation. I am not as familiar with the East and West Meadow Creek areas but from what I have heard from others, they should also be considered for wilderness protection.

The North Fork of the Clearwater is my favorite fishing river, not only for the fishing, but for its beauty and long stretches of solitude. It is certainly worthy of being designated a wild and scenic river.

I appreciate your attention to these issues.