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Comments: Hi and thank you for consideration of public comments.

I am writing to urge the Forest Service to prioritize the natural qualities of the Nez Perce /Clearwater area. The best way to do this is to maintain the current recommended wilderness area and to continue to limit motorized and winter recreation where necessary.

This unique area is home to cutthroats, wolverines, elk and a native mountain goat population. Expanding motorized use and reducing protections only stands to reduce the quality of habitat for these animals.

While I strongly believe in the multiple use manadate of the Forest Service that does not mean or imply that every use belongs on every landscape. Just 2% of the lower 48 are wilderness quality lands and expanding motorized use would reduce that already small number more so. There is no shortage of motorized access in our world, lets save sum for wildlife.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Corey Ellis