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Comments: Good morning,

I am writing to you to express concern and dismay at the Draft Forest Plan currently being considered for the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest. I am specifically concerned about the lack of protections for waterways in the National Forest and for the area known as the Great Burn.

I am a lifelong Idahoan, whitewater guide, and educator. I have worked for private schools and third party science educators. I have seen firsthand the impacts that Wild and Scenic Rivers have in the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people. Clean water and open space are two of Idaho's greatest assets. We have animal and plant life present nowhere else in the West. We are the last chance to save the endangered Sockeye salmon. We have the opportunity to reintroduce Grizzly bears to more of their native range. And every Idahoan benefits from this: tourism in Idaho is a \$3.7 billion industry and growing (<https://commerce.idaho.gov/tourism-resources/>). In an age where undisturbed land and water are becoming less and less common, adventure and wilderness travel, as well as hunting and fishing, come at a premium that will only continue to grow.

The communities bordering the NPCNF need this income on a basic level. The fish need water undisturbed by mining and logging activity. The Draft Plan is dissatisfactory in that it does not offer protections for the waterways up for Wild and Scenic designation nor for the ecologically relevant Great Burn. Please do the right thing by doing the easiest thing: nothing. Leave the protections in tact for these precious resources as they stand. Thank you for your consideration.