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Comments: I urge the Forest Service to adopt a Revised Forest Plan that ensures the sustainability of ecological integrity on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest and provides for a diversity of plant and animal communities by adopting the following directions:

- Include clear standards that protect riparian areas and habitat for at-risk species.
- Establish standards and guidelines that ensure habitat connectivity for grizzly bear, lynx, wolverine and other wildlife that need large landscapes to roam.
- Designate all Inventoried Roadless Areas as Recommended Wilderness and establish standards that will protect these wild places from non-conforming uses. At the very least, the agency should designate all Inventoried Roadless Areas as non-motorized.
- Include standards for motorized use that minimize conflicts between recreational uses; minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, and other forest resources; and minimize harassment of wildlife and significant disruption of wildlife habitats.
- Include an objective that directs removing all unnecessary roads over the life of the forest plan, with at least 5% restored to nature each year.

Thank you.

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