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Comments: PROTECT STREAMS! Comments On DEIS and Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

The Lochsa is far and away my favorite river. Numerous times each year I make the trip from Bozeman, Montana to Wilderness Gateway campground to recreate. I often hike up the smaller streams that feed the Lochsa. After reading the Suitability report, I do not agree with the proposal.

I am writing to ask that all 89 streams that you have found eligible for Wild and Scenic designation remain protected as eligible in the new forest plan, and to voice support for their suitability for designation.

My interest in wild rivers is not met or even considered by the Draft Plan in any alternative. Even the best alternative removes eligibility protections from over half of the streams you've found eligible, and thus the range of alternatives is too narrow.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Caroline Bark Belgrade, MT 59714 carolineobark@gmail.com