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Comments: I am writing to provide comments on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision DEIS. I am a concerned citizen who is a recreational user of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National forest. I am a retired grandfather who has backpacked for over fifty years in national forests, national parks and other public lands throughout the western United States. My experience backpacking in roadless areas and wilderness has engendered a deep appreciation of our public lands. I would like my grandson and all future generations to be able to experience wilderness as I have experienced it.

I have reviewed relevant documents. I understand and appreciate the Forest Service's intention that the Forest Plan Revision DEIS satisfy the agencies mandate to create a multi use plan that addresses all interested parties concerns and needs. The current plan does not do this with its proposed alternatives including the no action alternative. This draft plan fails to protect our National Forest in many important ways.

This draft plan fails to utilize available science and adequately uphold the Endangered Species Act. This draft plan fails to provide adequate quantifiable and measurable scientific standards to protect endangered fish and wildlife including grizzly bears, salmon, steelhead, bull trout wolverines, fishers, lynx and other rare, threatened and endangered species. All draft plan alternatives with the exception of "no action" decrease stream side buffers, fail to establish maximum cobble embeddedness standards and do not establish minimum percentage of old growth forest drainage-wide. The desired condition of "ecological conditions capable of supporting self-sustaining populations in native species" can not be attained without adequate established quantifiable and measurable scientific standards.

All the plan alternatives as outlined in the draft are flawed and inadequate because they increase logging over historic averages. The alternatives including Alt Z are all inconsistent with maintaining desired conditions. Increased logging and road building decreases water quality. Increased logging damages the forests ability to sequester carbon and therefore, the plan fails to adequately acknowledge the need for climate change mitigation.

The draft plan fails to provide specific areas of old growth forest protection. It has too few management areas to actually fulfill the agency's multi use mandate. This draft plan does not fully protect wild and scenic rivers because it does not recommend rivers that qualify for inclusion as wild and scenic.

Roadless areas and wilderness provide crucial habitat for rare threatened and endangered species. Rare threatened and endangered species are not adequately protected in these alternatives because all roadless areas are not protected and wilderness areas are not expanded. For this reason all roadless areas should be protected and recommended as wilderness. These areas include Rapid River, Gospel Hump additions, Cove Mallard additions to the Frank Church, Meadow Creek additions to Selway-Bitterroot, Radcliffe Gedney addition to Selway-Bitterroot, Fish & Hungery Creek, Weitas Creek, Pot Mountain, Kelly Creek, the Mallard Larkins and Upper North Fork. It is imperative that more wilderness be established that allow the further expansion and protection of grizzly bear habitat. These roadless areas and wilderness additions protect rare, threatened and endangered species and help mitigate climate change while still allowing multi use of other areas in the National Forest.

The health and long-term value of the Nez Parce - Clearwater National Forest is preserved only by full protection and recovery of grizzly bears, steelhead and all other rare, threatened and endangered species. This requires that all old growth forest be preserved. It requires that all roadless areas be protected and wilderness areas be expanded. The health of our planet and all life on it (including humans) depends on this. This plan and proposed alternatives do not adequately protect this precious common forest resource for future generations and it does

not provide accountable standards by which to ensure the plans implementation.

The best solution for the failings of the current forest plan DEIS is to include the Citizen-Science Alternative which was proposed in 2014 by Friends of the Clearwater. This proposed plan alternative should be fully analyzed and included in the final Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please create a forest plan for all stakeholders including trees, fish and wildlife. Please revise your draft plan to adopt scientific standards, abide by established law and fully protect our National Forest and all life in it for future generations.