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Comments: I have recently reviewed the released Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Revised Forest Plan. None of the alternatives presented reflect the management I would like to see implemented for the Hoodoo Roadless Area. Please accept these comments into the formal record.

I am a parent and resident of Montana and I very much want to protect all wilderness to preserve habitat for all the birds and fish and wild animals who live there and so that my children and their future children will still have a world in which wilderness and wildlife and undeveloped landscapes are available.

I've been backpacking with my children in the Great Burn wilderness and we so appreciate our ability to traverse such beautiful landscape and experience the lakes and forests depends entirely upon these wild places being protected to the full extent possible. Once any type of development is allowed, the landscape is irreparably changed.

I strongly support all measures that will keep the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area wild. Managing it as a recommended wilderness is imperative to keeping this as a legacy for all of our children and their children and all generations to come.

Although many people in the West enjoy winter activities, including snowmobiling and other motorized winter activity, I don't think any part of the Hoodoo Roadless Area should allow for this. There are plenty of other areas that allow this, and some areas, such as the Hoodoo Roadless Area, should remain open only to cross-country skis, snowshoes, and foot travel. The noise and pollution that snowmobiles create can harm wildlife like wolverines and other animals whose numbers are rapidly dwindling. There is too much risk in opening this area to motorized winter vehicles. Please protect the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area.

I strongly support efforts to recognize Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek, along with all of its forks, as Wild and Scenic. They are rivers that should be preserved now and for many generations to come.

Roads are responsible for the deaths of countless wildlife. Many studies show that animals who travel dozens or hundreds of miles at a time are killed at much higher rates if they have to cross roads. Keeping as many wilderness areas roadless as possible will prevent the deaths and possible endangerment or extinction of many species.

Thank you for all of your hard work to protect wild places and the wildlife that lives there. You are preserving a deeply rich and important landscape for many generations of Americans to come.