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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 currently a resident of California but plan to move to Montana in the next year.

One of my primary reasons is to enjoy and help preserve the unmatched wilderness and ecology of the state.

An introduction of motorized travel into the Great Burn would have vast negative impacts on the sensitive mountain goat population. Moreover, a decision to shrink or eliminate the Recommended Wilderness in the new forest plan would open up the Great Burn to road building, timber harvest, and other threats that would forever alter the character and quality of one of our nations most impressive roadless areas.

I want to preserve this wilderness for my children and grandchildren. The potential destruction that this proposed plan would cause would not be reversible and I urge you to take steps to maintain its integrity and character.

Living in California, I have seen first-hand the devastation that vehicles and mining can cause to areas like Joshua Tree National Monument and I do not want to see these mistakes repeated.

It is up to us to save these areas.

I share the MWA position to manage the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness.

Motorized traffic has had devastating effects on Joshua Tree, Mojave and Death Valley National Parks and areas.

I have visited each and seen first-hand the damage to flora and fauna.

Please do not open a Pandoras Box in the Hoodoo Roadless Area.

I urge you to recognize Cayuse and Kelly Creeks as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Please help preserve Montana's pristine areas from overuse and development.

Thank you for your efforts in creating this forest plan and acting as stewards for its protection for all of us and for the future.