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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'm an avid outdoors woman. I enjoy many forms of recreation including motorized and non-motorized. The outdoor opportunities in Montana and Idaho are extremely unique and need to be protected. This includes roadless areas. In winter, animals get time to rest, undisturbed by most humans. This same sanctuary time can be important to humans. Exploring the silent landscape in winter provides huge mental health benefits and extremely unique experiences. The opportunity for these experiences should be preserved at all costs because once lost, there is no way to get it back. Keep motorized use out of the Hoodoo Roadless Area and preserve quiet solitude for us, for animals, and for the future.

Skiing in the Great Burn has given me countless great experiences and days of solace. The quiet serenity helped ease my mind during difficult personal times. If the noise of snowmobiles was present, I wouldn't have been able to experience the winter landscape in the same way.

I want the entirety of the Great Burn area protected as wilderness. This is one of the great legacies our generation can leave behind.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain non-motorized to protect animals during their most fragile months and to provide humans a quiet sanctuary to escape to.

I want Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek, and all forks to be recognized as wild and scenic rivers. What would be a better step than protecting our water ways? Nothing!

I want trail and non-motorized use protected.

Thank you for all your work on this plan! I have experience in this field and know that it is extremely difficult, especially since you can't make everyone happy. I would encourage you to make decisions that you know, without a doubt, that you can look back on with pride. Thank you for your work.