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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 long-time Missoula resident. Last winter I got to participate in a wolverine monitoring project in Lolo National Forest and learned more about these amazing animals we share our landscapes with and the huge wild territories they need to survive.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area connects Lolo National Forest and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest in one of the largest roadless areas in the lower 48. We simply don't have that many large wild areas left and the damage done to a landscape by the construction of roads isn't easy to undo. Further, winter is the most vulnerable season for wildlife, like wolverines, and they need protection from human disturbance then in particular. The wild, roadless nature of the Hoodoo Roadless Area and all the wildlife it supports is something we need to protect for our own wild experiences and for future generations who also deserve to experience huge wild and roadless lands here in the Rockies.

I oppose the Nez Perce-Clearwaters recommendation to allow winter motorized access in the Great Burn and its decision to consider shrinking or eliminating recommended wilderness. I believe all of the 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area should continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness. Additionally, I would like to see Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all its forks be recognized as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

My thanks to the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision Team for your work to create this forest plan and your consideration of my comments.