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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.

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I care about Hoodoo Roadless Area because of its historical and aesthetic values, and because of a long ago road trip.

Crossing Hoodoo Pass from the No. Fork of the Clearwater R., many years ago: taking a quick look around before winding down (east) to Superior, MT.

I want it all protected: authorized by Congress as wilderness.

MT has legislated a grand total of 67,000 new acres of wilderness in the past 37 years. That's disgraceful, especially when compared to the explosive growth of sleds/ATVs. It's about moving one's body more, involving the whole body, and not sitting atop a machine. This is too delicate and fragile an area for sleds.

I agree about Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek, and its forks.

I'm sick and tired of business as usual, with increasing motorized demands on special wild country that should be approached on foot or horseback. I urge the Nez Perce-Clearwater N. F. to take a longer view of stewardship and to endorse preservation, not accommodation to the motor heads.

I recognize that forest planning, on each national forest, has become increasingly complex and slow motion in recent decades. There are so many interests to acknowledge if not accommodate. Too often the professional foresters are left at the mercy of whoever talks the loudest or spends the most. I want to thank the professionals who spend hundreds of hours drafting the next forest plan which, I hope, recommends wilderness status for the Hoodoo Roadless Area.