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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 Bert Lindler, a resident of Missoula and a friend of the Great Burn.

I have hiked to a remote, off-trail unmarked and unvisited vitrophyre quarry where native peoples chipped a greenish, flint-like rock for their points. Archeological treasures such as this and many others along the Montana-Idaho stateline deserve perpetual protection, in this case by inclusion in a congressionally designated Great Burn Wilderness.

I would like to see the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest managed as recommended wilderness where motorized and mechanized vehicles are prohibited.

Mountain goats and female wolverines raising kits in dens can't survive winter disturbance. The present prohibition against winter motorized use can protect them if the prohibition is enforced.

Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all its forks have clear, cold water that will continue to support some of the West's healthiest native cutthroat trout populations in a warming climate. These streams deserve protection as wild and scenic rivers.

Grizzlies are known to visit lands in the Great Burn (Hoodoo) Recommended Wilderness. Please continue to manage these lands as recommended wilderness to connect healthy grizzly populations in the Cabinets, Selkirks, and Northern Continental Divide with the Bitterroots, which are not yet known to have a resident population of grizzlies.

Thanks to all the Forest Service employees who are managing the Great Burn (Hoodoo) Recommended Wilderness for a future rich with wildlife and the hush of the wild.