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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.

The 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.

The Great Burn Recommended Wilderness stretches nearly 100 miles along the Montana/Idaho border, and is part of a 1.2 million-acre swath of roadless areas in western Montana and eastern Idaho.? Roughly 152,000 of the Great Burns 275,000 acres are in Idaho, and all of those acres are managed by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. Theyre more isolated and difficult to access than the Montana side of the Great Burn, which makes them excellent wildlife habitat and a perfect destination for quiet backcountry recreation.

Of course, wildlife isnt aware of state boundaries. To animals, the Great Burn is one contiguous wild landscape that provides them with what they need, whether theyre in Idaho or Montana. That might change, however, as a result of this planning process.

If the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest plan allows for winter motorized access and shrinks or eliminates the Recommended Wilderness, it will increase the chances that the Lolo National Forest considers, and possibly implements, the same sort of changes for the Great Burn in Montana.

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.

No

The entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area

There is no valid reason to allow winter access via snow machines.

Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks.

None

Without Forest Planning teams who are truly concerned about human's impact on the precious gift that is our national forests, my grandchildren will not have the opportunity to love and embrace the forests that I have had the chance to experience and cherish.