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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.

As a Science Teacher/Environmental Educator, Science/STEM Professional, and an Environmental/Wilderness/Wildlife/Biodiversity Advocate, I wholeheartedly believe that we MUST protect and preserve the natural world and wilderness areas to benefit ALL life on Earth!!

So much of nature and wilderness has been destroyed throughout the world that we MUST do everything we can to protect what little there is left!

Over my entire life I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring wilderness throughout the country by foot, canoe and/or skis! These areas must be protected as wilderness for the benefit of wildlife/biodiversity and humans! Our natural heritage must be protected, because once it is destroyed it is gone forever!

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 wholeheartedly 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!!

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!

Please do the right thing and maintain this entire area as wilderness!! Thanks!