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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.

It's an amazing, wild place that needs to be cherished and protected.

I have backpacked in the area and there are few areas that feel as primordial wild in the lower 48 as the Great Burn! The scenery, solitude, and wildlife are the values in most need of protection here.

I strongly hope that the entire 152000 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless area will be managed as wilderness. This is not an area that should be opened to motorized recreation to protect the wildlife, native plants, quietness, and solitude of this remarkable area.

With so few large areas of wild country left, it is essential to protect what is probably the wildest unprotected roadless area remaining in the lower 48 states. Allowing motorized recreation here will severely compromise the wilderness values, as well as the essential wildlife habitat and migration this area still supports.

With so few larger river systems protected, Kelly and Cayuse Creek need to receive additional protection and be designated Wild and Scenic. These drainages are obviously magnets for all kinds of wildlife and provide critical migration routes. The tremendous wild fisheries supported by these streams will also benefit from Wild and Scenic protections.

The fact that this area is key to protecting and connecting so much amazing wild country across 2 states is a unique opportunity to preserve the last and best wild country in the lower 48.

Thank you for your work to protect this special area and for considering my comments.