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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 a trails worker for the national park service in yellowstone. I have had some of the most wild experiences of my life in the Great Burn. This place is an invaluable and special natural area and we must preserve it.

Almost every year in the fall, I go back with a great friend of mine and we spend a week meandering around in the Great Burn. We usually don't encounter other souls the entire time. Just wolves, deer, lots of birds and the occasional moose. These sorts of experiences are unprecedented in our modern world. These sorts of places must be kept from motor vehicles or else that kind of serenity will be taken from us.

Unequivocally, the best and most desirable course of action is to protect the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area as Wilderness.

As technology begins to populate every corner of our earth, the value of places in which technology is absent increases. These places will be few and far between in the future, a "scarce resource" of sorts. Snow vehicles have lots of opportunity for spaces to travel in the bitterroot, lets help to keep one pristine.

Both Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek should be recognized as wild and sacred to preserve their immense biological diversity. Without these protections, we could lose this unique biodiversity. As the designation on places like the Yellowstone River show, these recognitions as wild and scenic often lead to tourism revenue for the surrounding areas, as the fish stay healthy and large and the absence of dams and things allow for unimpeded enjoyment. So, everyone benefits from these sorts of designations.

As an NPS employee and a lover of these sacred spaces, I recognize the importance of protecting these areas for generations to come. We need to keep vehicles out and keep these lands wild in a world that is dominated by technology.

Thanks for your work fellas and ladies. Our grandchildren will be as grateful as we are.