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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 grew up in Montana state, and having lived and travelled in multiple other areas of the US and world, I have a great appreciation for the beauty that remains in this state and surrounding areas. The land and its wildlife, that which has not yet been totally decimated by man, are truly special and sacred. They are worth preserving in their natural state.

There are few places left in this world where you can put on a pack and hiking boots, and experience nature as it is meant to be. The Great Burn Recommended Wilderness area is one of them. A place where the only sounds heard are natural ones. No motors, no engines, no sound or light pollution. It is a place where you can still sit and watch wildlife, like mountain goats, because they have not yet been killed off or driven out by the sounds and hand of men.

I implore you to protect this rare remaining sliver of nature in its entirety. There are plenty of places that man has already changed forever. There are plenty of places in Montana and Idaho that one can snowmobile or ride a motorcycle in. Please preserve all 151,874 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness. Everyone, even snowmobilers, can continue to enjoy these areas on foot. Don't destroy the remaining few sacred areas that still exist.

Even opening 53,000 acres to winter motorized vehicles will change it forever. Wildlife has already been pushed into tighter and tighter spots with loss of its habitat to humans over the years. Each insult and injury is a further blow to the entire ecosystem. We are in the midst of a 5th great extinction, this time at the hands of the human race. This proposal to remove Recommended Wilderness protection and to allow for further human encroachment is an example of exactly how and why this great and tragic extinction is upon us. Let's save what little is left while we still can. Please.

Specific to your proposal, I also encourage you to recognize Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek, with all its forks, as Wild and Scenic.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I appreciate the work that must go into writing up a forest plan that has such profound effect on the future and preservation of our remaining wild places and its equally sacred wildlife. Thank you!	