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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 seasonal employee in Yellowstone National Park. I split half my year in Wyoming and the other half in Illinois. When I am working in Yellowstone I spend my off-time backpacking and fly-fishing the wilderness areas of Wyoming and Montana. Coming from the Midwest I understand the significance of the Hoodoo Roadless area. Here in Northern Illinois our public land is fragmented and minuscule, a large state park is only around 4000 acres. We have the opportunity to do something special for future generations and help ensure the longevity of several different wildlife species by designating the Hoodoo Roadless Area as Wilderness.

I have not had the opportunity to explore the Great Burn, but would love to have the opportunity to.

I would like to see the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness. I feel this area needs to be managed as wilderness due to the critical habitat it provides many vulnerable wildlife species. This area is integral to grizzly bears and provides an important wildlife corridor. This is why I feel it should be continued to be managed as wilderness and mechanized/motorized use should not be permitted.

I do not feel like 53,000 acres should be opened up to winter motorized travel. The major reason being that this has the potential to harm and displace struggling species like Mountain Goats, Lynx, and Wolverine. I believe that ensuring the long term survival of species is way more important than the recreational desires of people. We must think long term and see the big picture, and not succumb to a vocal minority of people. The wild character of this area should not be tainted by motorized use.

Not familiar with the streams in the area.

I understand the Forest Service has an extremely difficult job of managing multiple use on their land, but I feel like the number one priority should be protecting wildlife habitat-both terrestrial and aquatic.

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to create this Forest Plan. I understand it is an extremely difficult

process so thanks for all the hard work and commitment to the Forest.