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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.

The Great Burn is a place whose wild character should be preserved as much as possible. Being so close to the town of Missoula, the Great Burn is a resource to be treasured.

I have helped with a plant survey in the Kelly Creek area and admired it's wild character and beauty. As a resident of the Bitterroot Valley in MT, I have seen the fall over the last 20 year of the mountain goat populations in the Bitterroot Valley and view areas such as the Great Burn as core habitat for these and other large mammals.

I would like to see the entire Great Burn/Hoodoo areas managed as roadless country and wilderness for habitat protection of large mammals and as roadless/wilderness hunting opportunities.

I do not think that the lack of snowmobiling activities in the Great Burn Area outweighs the value of prime goat and bear habitat.

Kelly Creek is a wonderful clear running creek that is a joy to experience. It is a prime candidate for Wild and Scenic status.

During this time when there seems to be a non-stop assault on our wild country, it is time to slow down and reevaluate what these wild areas mean to us now and in the future. Areas like the Great Burn, so close to a largely populated area like Missoula, is a treasure that we need to hang on to.

Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to comment of these areas that mean so much to the people who live in close proximity to them. I hope my grand children will have the opportunity to enjoy them like I have.