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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.

Hello, I have grown up in Montana and am so grateful for the wild places here. I believe it's important to maintain the Hoodoo Roadless Area, aka Great Burn, as pure wilderness. We are losing so many wild places around the world to human development, and that saddens me greatly. I care deeply about the animals and would like you to keep this area as is, and NOT introduce mechanized vehicles, oil/gas development or anything of that sort, regardless of the amount of money offered, or the pressure of developer lobbying efforts.

I would like to advocate for the voiceless - animals, trees, etc. who need wild places like the Great Burn to survive. Amidst the global pandemic at present, we are seeing animals relax, breathe and be able to destress as the world itself is quieter. As normal activity resumes around the world, the least we can do is provide some protected places like this so that animals can be free to be, and we humans can connect to our roots by spending time on this land, uninterrupted by mechanization and development.

I recommend that the entire 151,874 acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as recommended wilderness.

Allowing motorized access will disrupt the natural state of this area and should remain non-motorized. There are literally thousands of acres where motorization is already allowable. Let's leave the Hoodoo Roadless Area as is!

I recommend the Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek, and all of its forks be recognized as wild and scenic river status in the forest plan. Water is life and allowing it (and the fish init) to flow uninterrupted by dams, etc. will benefit all the living creatures in the Great Burn.

Supporting the Great Burn as wilderness area meets my values of a harmonious relationship with the Earth. We humans have already destroyed so much. Isn't it time we left some of the pristine habitat in the world - namely the Great Burn - in tact for current and future generations to enjoy?

Thank you to the forest planning team for your efforts to create a sustainable and doable forest plan that meets

the needs of humans, animals and the Earth itself.