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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.

My name is Amelia Hagen-Dillon. I live in Missoula MT where I own a business making trail maps of the wildest corners of the northern Rockies.

Over the last few years I've had the privilege to spend a lot of time in the Great Burn. In the summer of 2018 I spent most of July working with a team of scientists who were using the area as a natural laboratory to study the long term fire history of the region. In 2019 I returned to do my own field work to ground truth and gain familiarity with the area in preparation for making a new map of it. I've spent years working in the largest wilderness areas in the lower 48, and the Great Burn feels like wilderness. Wilderness isn't important because of the opportunities for people or the style of recreation it preserves. Wilderness is important because it's not for people. It's for the wildlife and the flora and the lakes that tell stories about fires and volcanic eruptions twelve thousand years ago.

There are so so few places left in the world that are not managed for what people want and need. It's important to have places like the Great Burn. I recommend that the entire area continue to be managed as wilderness.

Snowmobilers have access to hundreds of thousands of acres of Montana and Idaho. Snowmobiles disturb wildlife and I don't think they should be allowed in the Great Burn.

I recommend Kelly Creek and Cayuse Creek be recognized as Wild and Scenic. These are two of the most beautiful little rivers I have ever spent time on.

I know the process of writing a forest plan is tedious and lengthy. Thank you for all your hard work!