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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.

For three generations, members of the Gouaux/Oleson family have enjoyed hiking into the Great Burn roadless and recommended wilderness areas. This remarkable country provides incredible habitat for wildlife. Opening it to winter motorized travel is a bad idea, risking stressing wildlife, introducing petroleum gases and liquids to the area and damaging vegetation when snow levels are low. Keep BOTH the Idaho and Montana sides of the Great Burn wild forever.

Hiking trips from the 1970's to just last year, involving family from Thalia age 4 (last year) to Grandpa Jim age 87 (last year). Really special experiences.

Our family would like to preserve the Recommended Wilderness area as currently defined, and prevent motorized incursions in both the RW and nearby roadless areas.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area is a quiet, peaceful place for both wildlife and humans traveling on foot, skis or snowshoes. Noisy gaseous fumed machines have no place in such pristine areas. There already exists thousands of miles of roaded areas available for snow machine enthusiasts.

We are not familiar with these creeks, and defer to the Montana Wilderness Associations research.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest needs to make long term decisions aimed at preserving pristine areas, rather than short term decisions which may result in irreversible damage to unique habitats.

We appreciate (and have long term relationships with) the Forest Service, particularly based on our decades of owning property in Montana's Nine Mile Valley SE of the Great Burn. Forest Service plans are chock full of invaluable research on the wildlife, vegetation, geology and even the sociology of human use of federally managed lands. Thank You.