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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 Henry Rivera and I am an all-season outdoor enthusiast. I very much appreciate and need wild environments near me. The Hoodoo Roadless Area (HRA) is a significant wild patch of the landscape. It doesn't need to be trampled upon by us humans. In the bigger picture there are too few places left on earth where motorized recreation is not allowed. I get the multiple use mandate of the Forest Service, however, there has to be a solid awareness and conviction by land management decision makers that "Wild things need Wild Places". To reduce the amount of wildness left in the HRA by allowing motorized recreation is short-sighted and, in my opinion, irresponsible public land management. I don't know what the statistics are but it seems like a majority of public lands are already open to so many uses such as tree harvesting, oil/gas extraction, snowmobiling, motorcycling, ATV use, power boating, heli-skiing, etc. Please keep the HRA as wild as possible, i.e. no motorized uses. Thanks.

I have not recreated in the HRA, however, the photos I have seen of its wild landscapes have convinced me that it needs to remain as wild as possible. Keep it roadless and motorized free.

The entirety of the HRA needs recommended wilderness protection. In the bigger picture, 152,000 acres is not large, however, wide ranging wildlife populations can find at least partial refuge in such a motorized-free area.

I don't understand why the Forest Service doesn't have a conviction that the HRA needs to remain wild: the entire area. Our ecosystems have compromised enough. Please hold firm with the knowledge that future generations will applaud current decision-makers for keeping the entirety of the HRA wild. Please, no more compromises where the loser will always be the ecosystem and its wild inhabitants. No motorized access.

By forbidding motorized use in the HRA, you've done a lot for the environment. Protecting any rivers as Wild and Scenic is just icing on the cake as far as I am concerned.

Please keep annual timber harvests at reasonable levels.

Your hard work will hopefully result in a resilient forest ecosystem. What you save now for the future will be a feather in your cap. If you don't save as much of the remaining wild roadless areas, I believe you might be guilty of caving in to human selfishness, at the expense of what's left of wildness on the Clearwater. Thanks for thoughtful work.