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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.

I live in MT because of the recreation available. I am 71 years old and prefer to hunt and fish where there are NO ATVs. This means wilderness areas are a major area I prefer to use. I work to maintain my physical condition in order to recreate in my preferred way. Nothing spoils my outdoor hunt, hike, or fishing trip like having ATVs and lots of people.

I have bow hunt elk primarily. Elk are wilderness animals and avoids roads and thus lots of human interaction. I remember sitting on a peak in early Sept. and listening to elk bugle across a basin where I could see 30 or 40 elk. It was a wonderful experience. I have called in and Killed about ten elk and it is a life changing experience.

I implore you not to shrink or otherwise degrade the Great Burn. Please keep it as a wilderness. As a public agency I'm sure that once you give the public something (roads, ATV access, etc.) you play hell ever taking it back! There is little enough wilderness now. Don't make it less!

PLEASE don't allow ATVs. I bow hunt elk in areas without ATV access because once ATVs are allowed elk use an area much less. I have had negative experiences with ATV users spoiling many elk encounters for me when ATVs first became plentiful (around early 1990s. Now many areas I used to hunt have very few elk because ATV use has moved the elk out.

Like my bowhunting for elk, I prefer to recreate in remote areas in spite of my age (71). I grew up fishing in areas with walk in access only because they were very remote. This experience is becoming harder and harder to find. Please recognize Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek, and all of its forks as wild and scenic. There is so little of this type of recreation available any more.

Many people today want it now and want it fast! They want ATV access and roads so that they can access areas to hunt and fish, etc. What they often don't realize is that the remote areas are such good places to hunt, fish, etc. simply because they are REMOTE. Once access is increased the numbers of users increase and that remote, once great place is now just like every other place and not a great place.

I have worked for MT Dept. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Gifford Pinchot Natl. Forest, Deschutes Natl. Forest and the US Fish and Wildlife Service during my 30 + year career in forestry and wildlife. I know that taking public input is a real effort. Thank you for your listening to my input while creating this forest plan.