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Comments: Dear Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Planners,

Thank you for considering comments on this revision. I write in support of the Great Burn recommended wilderness that includes portions of your forest. As a resident of western Montana, the Great Burn is one of the backyard public land areas I frequent. The quiet beauty and rugged terrain of the forest provides immeasurable benefits to my mental and physical health. It is also a vital area of contiguous habitat for sensitive species like the wolverine and grizzly bear that have lost all footholds in the Lower 48 outside the Northern Rockies. I am specifically concerned that your proposal to open portions of the Great Burn near Hoodoo Pass and Blacklead Mountain to motorized recreation will significantly impact the habitat value and wilderness character of the forest. While I respect your goals of finding compromise between stakeholder groups, I believe enough of your forest is currently open to motorized use and the irreplaceable wild character of the Great Burn is not worth sacrificing for a larger motorized playground.

Thank you for your time and consideration.