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Comments: We have several concerns about the Land Management Plan Revision for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. Most importantly, after looking over the plans, we notice that no actions listed in any of the plans are data-based nor do they contain any evaluation tools or strategies for measuring and evaluating the outcomes of proposed changes. Please make these tools and strategies part of the final plan.

We would prefer that National Forest lands be off limits to logging, mining and motorized vehicles, especially snowmobiles, in order to protect fish and wildlife habitat. They should primarily be maintained for wilderness hiking, hunting, fishing, camping and solitude. Idaho's recreation industry depends on having these kinds of areas for both residents and tourists.

Of the plans described in the document we have reviewed (No action, Plan W, Plan X, Plan Y, and Plan Z) we actually prefer the option of taking "No action" because it allows for the protections that we most desire.

We would like to see the entire Great Burn area protected as wilderness. The Forest Service closed this area to snow machines several years ago to protect mountain goats, wolverines, lynx and other wildlife and to protect the area's wilderness character and support a valuable recreation wilderness. Please keep the Great Burn entirely off-limits to ALL snowmobiles. Increased motorized recreation along the Idaho-Montana border would affect movement of wildlife through this critical migration area.

We would also like to see the Mallard-Larkins, East Meadow Creek, and West Meadow Creek protected as wilderness as well. The Mallard-Larkins provides incredible opportunities for hiking, backpacking, hunting, and fishing for primitive backcountry recreation. East and West Meadow Creek has the greatest diversity of wild salmon, steelhead, trout, and char anywhere in the Rocky Mountains. Please preserve the wilderness designation to protect this important fish habitat. This wilderness designation promotes mitigation of sustainable efforts to support devastating temperature rises, rain shortfalls and droughts, and frequent and intense storms and fires that destroy our lands and endanger our health.

And finally, please protect the North Fork and South Fork Clearwater Rivers by designating them as "wild and scenic" so there will be no threat of potential dam sites on the rivers that would affect the cutthroat trout and bull trout. The North Fork is a tremendous cutthroat trout fishery, and one of Idaho's few B-run steelhead fisheries is found in the South Fork. The current plan has quantifiable standards for fish habitat, such as a 300-foot buffer along streams. The proposed plan has no measurable standards to protect stream substrate. This is unacceptable and appears to ignore imperiled fish populations.

We would also like to see additional rivers and streams be identified as wild and scenic as well. These would include: Johns Creek, Meadow Creek, Fish Creek, Weitas Creek, Kelly Creek, Hungery Creek, Cayuse Creek, and the Little North Fork Clearwater River.