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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 am an American citizen who has visited MT for over 45 years to hike and camp in this wonderful state. I visit many times per year and now that I am older it is not uncommon for me to spend 8-12 weeks in MT where I spend quite a lot of money. The Hoodoo Roadless Area is the last of its kind. It is truly a national treasure and must be protected from development that will destroy its wilderness.

There is something special that can not be put into words when entering the wilderness. Unlike our national parks that are developed and many times crowded in some areas. Our wilderness areas like the Great Burn provide areas almost untouched by man where nature is the controller. More development and roads even primitive roads are the first step in a wilderness areas demise. Only foot travel should be permitted as it was many years ago when wilderness common.

Please, protect the Great Burn in it entirety. Do not allow for motorized travel or travel of any type other than foot. The great thing of wilderness besides protecting the natural things god placed there is knowing it would take a lifetimes to explore. These type of areas have all but disappeared in the lower 48.

The use of any type of winter motorized travel in the area should not be permitted. Wildlife is very prone to stress during the winter months anyway. Anyone can see permitting over snow travel would endanger wildlife and also destroy the winter environment with tracks, noise and pollution not to mention allowing humans easy access to winter wildlife habitats that need to be protected. While myself I have a Jeep and enjoy backcountry travel I am not in favor at all opening more areas for motorized travel. There are many areas too special and fragile for intrusion by motorized travel especially in the winter. This area needs to be protected.

I am in favor of declaring the rivers and forks as Wild and Scenic. As I have said this area is one of the last of its kind. It is endangered and once gone you can not get it back.

The areas should be preserved in its natural state with true wildneress designation.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments. I really hope and pray you will have the wisdom to truly protect this area from development including banning over snow machines. We need wilderness. I pray the Forest Service planners will do the right thing for the Great Burn and protect it forever and maintain its true wilderness.