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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 a biologist who does research near the Great Burn, and a father who has hiked there a number of times with my family .

Our favorite family backpacking trip was in the Great Burn. With our two daughters, we hiked through forests and old growth to a lake below the crest, then hiked the next day to the state line, along that ridge, and finally back to the lake. (And back to the trailhead the next day.)

I strongly support the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area to continue management as Recommended Wilderness.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area should remain closed to motorized traffic. Four-wheelers and snowmobiles have widespread access to millions of acres, and there are only few, small areas with peace, quiet, and undisturbed nature. And also, this is prime habitat for endangered wolverines, which avoid areas with snowmobile traffic, and are in danger of extinction in the Lower 48.

I highly recommend Wild and Scenic protection for Cayuse Creek, and Kelly Creek, and all of its forks. -- Last summer Kelly Creek was my number one goal in the Rockies for a hiking trip. Unfortunately, I tore my Achilles tendon and could not visit. PLEASE preserve this river and its surroundings so I can have a chance to hike and camp in this area.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest has undisturbed forest lands and rivers that we need to preserve.

I would like to thank the forest planning team for all of their efforts to create this forest plan.