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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 hard-working Montanan who loves this state with all her heart. I have worked for the NPS and currently mentor online through Western Governors University. In the 36 years lve lived in Earth, lve come to realize that humans are pretty destructive to the planet. Opportunities like this one, allow the helpers to speak up and give perspective to future, destructive decisions that humans want to make. For that opportunity, Im thankful. Non-motorized/mechanical areas are precious pieces of land that help us stay connected to our past, as a civilization. These connections are important for us to maintain now and for our future generations who will need them as a place of solitude to find peace in very demanding world. The animals that inhabit this area have a voice too. Leaving this area roadless and non-motorized shows tremendous respect to them and their home, allowing them to live their lives as their ancestors have, in peace and safety. Please leave one of the biggest, last known quiet areas alone. Thank you.

While I havent had an experience in this particular non-motorized area, I have in others and the connections I have made in those areas contribute greatly to my spirit and positive mental health. When in those undisturbed areas, I feel complete and empowered! I realize the size of my human footprint and thankful of the reminder of my responsibilities to advocate for planet Earths best interest, not my own. Lets put our home first when making this decision.

I recommend that the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

Again, my advocacy is that this is not our home. It is home to many animals. What would you say if someone decided to put a snowmobile road through your home without asking you if you cared or not? They animals need us to be their voice. Humans could once hear and listen to animals and acted in a way to protect them, but some of us have lost touch with that ability. We can strengthen it and get it back through this decision.

I am recommending Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks. That fact that we have creeks at all to designate as wild and scenic is an opportunity worth acting on!

Thank you for your time

I hope my words today connect with your ancestral