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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 have lived and worked in northwest Montana since 1977, and an important part of this country are the still intact wild lands that form the "Great Burn." As you know, our political state borders are a function of historical lines (mis)drawn on a map, not a function of on the ground environmental conditions. the Hoodoo Roadless Area has appropriately been spared from motorized recreation in the past--and this status should continue in the updated forest plan. I don't oppose motorized recreation--but there are more appropriate places for it to occur than here!

Throughout north Idaho and northwest Montana there are tens of thousands of acres of winter motorized access--which provide great recreational opportunity to snowmobile enthusiasts, and which is a good thing. But it simply makes no good sense to allow motorized access to 53,000 additional acres in the Hoodoo Roadless area, which would disrupt and fragment important wildlife habitat.

I have property on the North Fork of the Flathead, which is designated as a Wild and Scenic River segment. Myself and my neighbors experience this as a positive thing--for recreation and the fisheries. I believe that granting W&S status to Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek would be beneficial to both recreational users and the fisheries there.

Thank you for engaging the public in this complex and challenging process of forest planning. Your efforts are appreciated, and will be reflected in the landscape itself for years to come.