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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 in North Idaho and Montana for most of my 59 years. The Great Burn area is a special place to me for hiking and snow shoeing, and is a critical habitat for animals. It needs to be protected as a non-motorized area. I am a frequent traveler and I know the world has very few places left like the Great Burn.

Snow shoeing in the Great Burn is magical. It is so quiet. Seeing the tracks of animals in the snow is interesting to try to determine what theyre from and imagine their life in the winter woods. Its not easy for animals to survive in our winters and having a relatively undisturbed habitat is critical.

Please protect the entire Hoodoo Roadless area as wilderness. Its a rare large piece of roadless land that will be treasured by people and animals for years to come.

If we allow snow mobiles in this roadless area, wildlife will be further stressed during an already difficult time for them. I grew up in North Idaho among friends that were avid snowmobilers. They chased animals on their snowmobiles, sometimes trying to run down coyotes. Animals need a break to survive in winter.

Please protect Cayuse and Kelly creeks as wild and scenic rivers.

Often we in Montana and Idaho take our beautiful and pristine wild areas for granted and dont recognize how special they are and how lucky we are. Our remaining roadless areas need to be protected. They are vital for wildlife corridors and for people to enjoy quiet natural areas.

I really appreciate the hard work you Forest Service personnel put into writing forest plans. I know you take it very seriously and work hard to accommodate various interest groups - its not an easy job! Thank you!