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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.

Our collective well-being is anchored in protecting places like the Great Burn, to preserve ecosystems that in turn, give us clean water, clean air, and a place to connect with wilderness. There is no better time than now to reaffirm our commitment to the the Great Burn Hoodoo Roadless Area.

I have lived in Montana most of my life. For several years I was fortunate to get a job as a Wilderness Ranger. In my backyard were areas that had no roads, no signs of humans, no development, and no degradation. I learned tough lessons in the wilderness. Growing up in a small city bordering the wilderness, I took clean water and air for granted. I had no idea the power of a place without constant sounds of cars, machinery, trains, and development. As a ranger I met many others whose appreciation of these places equaled my own. I learned from military veterans that wilderness areas offered a place to heal. I learned from visitors of all ages that hiking to a new vista and being able to see nothing but nature was rewarding beyond words. We have overdeveloped and over-degraded enough of this beautiful continent. Let's protect the wild places that still give us so much in return!

Protect the entire 151,874 acres as a Wilderness area!

No motorized vehicles should be allowed in the area. Motorized uses rapidly degrade the environment and give nothing in return.

Protect Cayuse Creek, as well as Kelly Creek and all of its forks, as a Wild and Scenic areas!

Protect the homelands of the Nez Perce people!

Thank you for your time in creating a forest plan for this pristine area.