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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 retired Montana resident with a lifetime practice of back packing and other back country use. I care about the Hoodoo Roadless Area because it is one of the best remaining unspoiled back country regions in the country. I would like to see it remain so.

I have not had the opportunity to personally walk in the region.

I believe the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area should continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness. Such areas cannot be reclaimed once open to motorized use. Retaining the unspoiled habitat should be the priority.

Snowmobiling is disruptive to wildlife and the solitude of people who manage to reach areas in winter by other means. I understand the recreational appeal of snowmobiling and believe there should be ample opportunities for enjoying it. But unspoiled wilderness should not be used for this purpose.

I recommend that Cayuse and Kelly Creeks be recognized as Wild and Scenic.

In general I believe the priority should be to preserve the wild nature of this area and to provide for non-invasive recreational access.

I understand the great effort has gone into creating the forest plan and I truly appreciate those who have put the time and thought into it.