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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.

The future depends on important decisions we make today. Continued population growth puts pressure on the natural world. The small areas we set aside for non motorized use are imperative to the survival of species such as the Mountain Goat. I grew up in Anaconda, Montana and the era of the Copper Kings destroyed the environment, it was not pretty! The images of the stripped mountains around my hometown drive me to comment today.

I have walked in the solitude of the Great Burn with family members from out of state. It is a spectacular way to show off my neck of the woods- especially to urban dwellers from Minneapolis! Unspoiled natural spaces are an amazing way to spend quality quiet time with people!

I would support the recommended acreage of 151,874 acres to be set aside, in the big picture, it is a small island of space on the planet.

I know how enjoyable snowmobiling is, and I also recognize how disruptive it is to the areas where it is allowed. I feel that there is adequate access for winter motorized sports in this area at this time.

I can only say, that wild and scenic rivers are part of a healthy state economy, as they attract tourists who seek fishing, rafting opportunities... I believe an outdoor recreation economy is the key to our future!

The planet is literally being swallowed up by human beings! Please protect this place! It is the right thing to do.

Managing our forests is a huge responsibility, and I have to believe that those people involved love the natural world and want to preserve it. Thanks to all of you.