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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 strongly believe that we must keep our roadless areas protected because the incursion of motorized vehicles leads to the rapid degradation of healthy forest ecosystems.

My wife and I spent time in the Great Burn while on our honeymoon. The pristine and quiet beauty of the area was astounding. This area must be preserved and protected from motorized vehicles.

The entirety of the Great Burn should be protected as wilderness.

The Hoodoo Roadless Area must remain closed to motorized transport all year long. During the winter, wildlife is especially traumatized by snowmobiles and the like when the snow is deep and they cannot evade the noise and disruption. Motorized vehicles do not belong in wilderness areas -- period.

Cayuse and Kelly creeks deserve Wild and Scenic River status because doing so would further protect these vital ecosystems.

I would like to see continued protection of the Nez Perce Clearwater National forest to support the many species that call this area home (elk, mountain goat, moose, black bear, two species of fox, bald eagle, marten, white-tailed and mule deer, coyote, wolves, cougar, boreal owl, river otter, muskrat, beaver, pika, fisher, mink, and raccoon [to name a few]).

Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider my comments. I implore you improve protections of these wild lands. Failure to do so would be a grave mistake.