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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 farmer and an avid user of Montana wilderness areas. There is nothing more critical to our collective well-being than our few remaining wild places. Roadlessness is what keeps these places wild and quiet. There are so few places remaining on the planet that can be classified as wilderness. We can ill afford to sacrifice the Nez Perce-Clearwater national forest to motorized and mechanized use.

Being able to access quiet is a rare gift on our planet, and the Great Burn has it. Allowing motorized use would ruin that.

I would like to see the entire 151,874 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

Winter motorized access is very damaging to several sensitive wildlife species such as wolverines and mountain goats. It ruins the experience of the wilderness for everyone who doesn't want to hear or smell snowmobiles. There is plenty of other places for people to recreate on motorized vehicles without sacrificing one of our last remaining roadless areas.

And, above all, in thinking about climate change, which we all must, it makes no sense to be burning fossil fuels in order to speed around in the backcountry.

The forest plan should recognize Cayuse Creek and Kelly creek and all of its forks as wild and scenic.

Please preserve this rare gem.

And thank you for taking time and care in making your plan, and listening to all our voices.