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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.

Im a hiker and backcountry skier who loves the quiet of nature. Hearing the motor noise from far away of ATVs or snowmobiles is bothersome to me, but must be devastating to the wildlife in the areas where it is permitted. Please do the science regarding risks to wildlife before permitting motorized access to the Great Burn.

I have not been to the Great Burn.

My belief is that nature must not only be conserved but recovered and re-wilded if many the worlds greatest problems are to be solved. I contribute financially to many organizations whose mission is to restore and expand wild lands and wildlife. Therefore, Id like to see this area protected as a Recommended Wilderness.

I live between an area that allows motorized access and a business that supplies those vehicles to tourists. All winter long we can hear the noise as the area is accessed. The fumes are noxious along the highway. Who knows how it affects the myriad of creatures trying to survive winter on Buck Ridge.

I have not been to the Great Burn area, but know that the health of watersheds is critical to the viability of any wilderness. Please appoint Cayuse and Kelly Creeks as Wild and Scenic Rivers. I cant imagine that any Montana river in a natural state isnt wild and scenic!

I support the recommendations of the Montana Wilderness Association.

Thank you for your efforts to support this area and balance public access. Please remember the needs of wildlife first. Once an area is degraded, it is difficult to restore, and degraded land is more susceptible to industrial land grabs for extraction. The value of intact forests in the climate crisis is immeasurable.