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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.

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Allison Miles, I am a young adult that calls Montana my home. Having spent significant time in the SW US as well as the Central Plains region, I have seen the direct and immense impacts that humans and machines have on our delicate environments. Opening up a wilderness area to more access and overall use is not only detrimental to that specific environment and habitat but it is also detrimental to how the next generation (mine) views the preservation and purpose of wild areas.

More and more young adults are taking time to learn and explore our wild areas. And by taking a few moments, hours, days, away from the instant, loud, crowded society, we are able to regain a little bit of our humanity. We are able to slow down, connect with our environment, and to look at something that is bigger than us! Bigger than our daily grind, our social media filled lives, and our bleak look at the world ahead of us. The quiet wilderness provides and fills our souls with something that we are lacking and craving in the world we were brought into and consequently live in.

The time I have spent in the desert canyons, ocean beaches, alpine mountains, river ways, and the grasslands have forever changed my view of the natural world. If I alone had the ability to share my memories and feelings with all young adults, to inspire them to humble themselves, to learn, and slow down, I absolutely would!

The Forest Service has this ability. You have the ability to protect an area that just by existing, will provide our generation and future generations with something we can not buy, we can not recreate, we can not develop with technology. You have the ability to give us the natural world.

If you have this ability, why wouldn't you share it? Why wouldn't you protect and guard it? Why wouldn't you save us?

Sincerely,

Allison Miles

32yr old - female

Thank you!

Absolutely save 100% of the area that is currently protected! We need to preserve as much of the natural world as we can. It is a finite resource and can not be created or purchased!

Take a look at what access and motorized vehicles have done in the deserts of Southern Utah. Access leads to overuse, which leads to damaged environments and irreparable damage.

Again, why not preserve 100% of what we have the ability to preserve?

Unfortunately our wild areas are threatened all over the country and world. Our global community has created a mindset that the world is here FOR us, not that we are part of the world.

We need to preserve all that we have the ability to preserve. To hold on to something that is bigger, old, more patient, more in tune than ourselves.

Thank you for taking the time as an individual and as an organization to review and reassess all the areas we as a national community have decided to preserve and protect. Your actions, thoughts, and leadership spread across the nation and across generations.