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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.

My name is Cynthia Swidler; I am a resident of northwest Montana. I appreciate the Hoodoo Roadless Area, The Great Burn due to its old growth forests, clear streams and lakes and the myriad wildlife the area supports. It concerns me greatly that opening the area to snowmobiles and motorized recreation would have deep impact on the quality of the habitat and the wildlife in the area.

I have hiked several of the trails and berry picked within the Great Burn. Most recently, my husband and I celebrated our 38th anniversary hiking into Hub and Hazel Lakes. We encountered a young couple, recently married, who chose to spend their vacation in solitude in this area, noting how it is unparalleled to anything they'd ever experiences. We encountered several species of birds, including Varied Thrush, and mammals, including Mountain Goats. These experiences would be marred considerably by motorized recreation.

I would like to see the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest managed as recommended wilderness where motorized and mechanized vehicles are prohibited.

Mountain goats and female wolverines raising kits in dens can't survive winter disturbance. The present prohibition against winter motorized use can protect them if the prohibition is enforced.

Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all its forks have clear, cold water that will continue to support some of the West's healthiest native cutthroat trout populations in a warming climate. These streams deserve protection as wild and scenic rivers.

Grizzly Bears are known to visit lands in the Great Burn (Hoodoo) Recommended Wilderness. Please continue to manage these lands as recommended wilderness to connect healthy grizzly populations in the Cabinets, Selkirks, and Northern Continental Divide with the Bitterroots, which are not yet known to have a resident population of grizzlies.

Thank you to the Forest Service employees who are managing the Great Burn (Hoodoo) Recommended

Wilderness for a future rich with wildlife and the quiet and undisturbed areas within the region.