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Comments: I have 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.

The Great Burn is close to Missoula but still feels incredibly wild. It's a stunning landscape with amazing wildlife that depend on that habitat.

I will always remember backpacking into Heart Lake, taking a day trip above the lake and seeing a herd of mountain goats, including several young ones. It was a magical experience. This area offers exceptional and unique wildlife habitat and should be managed to maintain wildlife, including severely restricting motorized travel, including snowmobile travel, that disturbs wildlife and threatens their survival. While winter motorized travel may seem low-impact because it does not leave lasting marks on the ground, research has shown that the impact on wildlife is significant and threatens their sustainability. The Hoodoo Roadless Area should be non-motorized year round in order for wildlife to thrive.

For those reasons and more, I believe that the entire nearly 152,000 acres of the Hoodoo Roadless Area should continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

The forest plan should also recognize Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek, and all the forks of Kelly Creek as Wild and Scenic.

In sum, I strongly believe that this special place should be managed for wildlife and for quiet recreation.

Thank you to the USFS and the forest planning team for your efforts in creating this plan and soliciting input from the public.