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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've been an environmental activist and outdoor enthusiast for over 30yrs. This area is a national treasure that should be protected forever.

Unfortunately, I haven't had the opportunity to visit this area.

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It would seem obvious that vehicle access ruins the land, the air, and of course is harmful to wildlife.

Cayuse & Kelly creek and all it's forks.

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Thank you for the important work you do.