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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 am a father and high school science teacher. Once wilderness is no longer deemed wilderness, it never goes back. If we don't protect wilderness there will be none left.

There is no more spiritual place on the planet than wilderness. I've spent weeks camping and hiking in the wilderness, including Great Burn. These experiences make me a better human being in my community and a better father.

None of the wilderness should be deemed anything but Wilderness. Otherwise, irreparable damage to habitat and wildlife occur. There are countless scientific studies to validate this reality. There are plenty of roads and non-wilderness areas for all our human needs.

The struggle to survive a winter is extreme. Anyone that has winter camped in the wilderness can testify to this fact. Any stresses can be life threatening. Plus, again, there are plenty of non-wilderness places for everyone's winter recreation needs.

Once again if we want to preserve habitat and wildlife we need to preserve the water sources. Once humans are introduced in volume with our machines and garbage the water, habitat, and wildlife irreparable damages. Meanwhile, there are plenty of rivers and streams accessible by road for everyone to enjoy.

Do you realize that human population and domesticated mammals account for ALL the most numerous mammal populations on the PLANET? Plus the total populations of all of the domesticated mammals are less than the human population! NO wild mammals even come close!

WHY HAVE LEADERS NEVER TALKED ABOUT THIS?

Where will any wild animals live?

Whether you believe God meant this to be our domain or that evolution brought us to this point, ask yourself, "Is this sustainable?". " Unless this is addressed our children and future generations will face great suffering, the

most minor of which will be not knowing the WILD. I ask myself if I want my children to live in a world with no wild animals or no wilderness. Do you?

Every documented case shows that once humans start to break up and increase "use" in wilderness areas species populations and diversity decrease. Haven't we done enough? Is the ease and comfort of my life worth sacrificing all that is WILD? Can we make decisions to preserve or even give back some of what we have taken?

I am taking actions daily to reduce my impact on the natural world and I hope that I can still run thousands of miles in the wilderness, seeing the few remaining wildlife, without seeing massive human impact.

What are you doing? What are you going to do?

Is money, ease, and comfort the right path?

Sincerely,

Patrick Lupton

The responsibility you have is to many groups and entities and I appreciate the difficulty. Please give my final comments consideration and go with your conscious.