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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Please accept my comments on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Plan Revision. As a back-country mountain biker who has been mountain biking in the Great Burn area and on the State Line Trail (Trail 738) since the mid 1990s, I ask that you please maintain bicycle access to your portion of this amazing landscape and that you restore access to bikes to miles 20-27 of the Stateline Trail. This area provides important and increasingly rare access to multi-day mountain bike rides and the opportunities to experience the wild, remote, quiet nature of these mountains. This area is precious, so please recognize the Idaho and Federal Roadless Rules to keep resource extraction and road building out of these areas. It's wild character must be preserved, but I don't support this area being designated Wilderness, as that would not allow bicycles. There are many ways to protect the wild character of this area without excluding quiet, muscle powered mountain bikers. I also oppose the increasingly common practice of excluding bicycles from areas recommended as wilderness. This creation of defacto wilderness undermines Congress's exclusive role in creating Federal Wilderness.

Thanks again for considering my comments.

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