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Comments: I 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 recently moved myself and my tent manufacturing business to Montana at the call of the mountains and wildlife. Coming from the East, it sometimes feels that the lands in this region are limitless, but I know otherwise. The Hoodoo Roadless Area is a unique ecosystem and important habitat that should be a priority to preserve, even if it comes at the expense of our personal enjoyment.

While I havent yet explored the Great Burn, Ive spent much time exploring the Bitterroot Wilderness. The rare and vast swaths of roadless land are a big reason why Im so eager to hike in the Great Burn. Ive found myself in places far back in the Bitterroot Wilderness that are so untouched that Ive felt guilty for being there, as if I were contaminating the place with my mere presence. This is what I hope to experience in the Great Burn.

I believe its important that the Forest Service continue to manage the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness. Allowing winter motorized access in portions of the Hoodoo Roadless Area would disrupt vital wildlife habitat. In my view, it would be taking steps backwards, reinforcing ways of thinking that we just can afford with the current impacts our society places on the planet.

As you create the forest plan and weigh various perspectives, thank you for your careful considerations and responsible choices.