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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 have been recreating in the Great Burn for nearly 20 years. My first trip, a backpack with fellow Montana backcountry lovers, was in the summer of 2001. I have been back many times, in all parts of the recommended wilderness, most recently on a backpack with my 12-year-old son. Whether I am on a day hike or a backpack, spending time in the Great Burn is like being transported into a world where nature is the dominant force. There are so few places like this anymore. We need these places for clean water, clean air, and our spiritual health. We also owe it to other species to preserve places like this. I have been fortunate enough to see bears, mountains goats, elk, and other species, and I want to see the Great Burn continue to serve as a sanctuary for these and other species.

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Based on the importance of ecology of the Great Burn, I would like to see the entire 151,874-acre Hoodoo Roadless Area continue to be managed as Recommended Wilderness.

I strongly and wholeheartedly oppose any proposal that would allow motorized access in any portion of the Great Burn in any season.

I support Wild and Scenic designation for Cayuse Creek and Kelly Creek and all of its forks.

There is no place like the Great Burn as far as value to wildlife and to people. The Great Burn should be protected to the greatest extent possible.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important process. I know there are competing demands. Thank you for having the integrity to meaningfully protect this remarkable place.