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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 explored the Great Burn area several times on foot and on skis and treasure its vastness and wildness. It is a jewel of the Montana-Idaho borderlands and deserved to be protected as wild land for future generations to explore and enjoy. Its remoteness, ruggedness, and the fact that it is not all "rock and ice" make it exceptional wildlife habitat as well. Winter motorized access would impair the solitude and challenge of ski access and be detrimental to mountain goats and other wildlife.

I urge you to maintain the recommended wilderness for all of the existing size and not to allow winter motorized access.

Thank you for your consideration.

I have enjoyed winter ski expeditions and summer backpacks in the area and its vastness and beauty never fail to amaze. Other in the future should be allowed to enjoy experiences such as these, which is why the area should remain recommended wilderness and no winter motorized access should be allowed.

I support managing all 151,000+ acres of the Hoodoo Roadless area as recommended Wilderness. The area still qualifies as wilderness therefore should be managed as such, and impairments to that wilderness character must not be allowed.

Allowing winter motorized access will diminish the wilderness character and negatively impact wildlife such as mountain goats, wolverine, and lynx.

I support Wild and scenic river status for all waterways in this area which qualify, such as Cayuse Creek, Kelly Creek and related forks.

I support protection of roadless areas to the maximum extent possible. We should allow future generations the option of managing these lands as they see fit. Maintaining roadless areas defers decision making to the future and forces us to better manage the lands which we have already accessed by road.

I realize what a vast and complex effort forest management planning is, and how difficult it is to balance competing resources and user groups. Truly you are between a rock and a hard place. Thank you for your sincere efforts to do what is right and what is best for the land for generations to come.