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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.

Wilderness and pristine undeveloped remote lands are a rare commodity in today's world. These areas serve as safe and protected habitat for unique rare landscapes, old growth forests, alpine meadows, flora, and wildlife. I am an elder who has had the opportunity to experience and enjoy these wild landscapes for years. I ask and hope that the Forest Service will work to permanently protect this area for generations to come.

I travelled, camped, and hiked throughout the area with dear friend as we sought to enhance our health and friendship exploring and discussing the meaning of life from a humanistic perspective.

I support protecting 100% of the Hoodoo Roadless Area as Recommended Wilderness.

Undoubtedly there is a place for both motorized and nonmotorized activity throughout the world. We have tremendous areas that areas that are already motorized. We need to protect the precious few areas that are nonmotorized.

Cayuse and Kelly Creek watersheds should be considered for Wild and Scenic River status as the land receives wilderness status.

Wilderness provides solitude where people can find themselves as they contemplate the challenges and meaning of life.

I wish to express appreciation and recognition to the Forest Service staff who do their jobs so thoroughly and respectfully especially during crazy times of life threatening epidemics, and uncertain government roles which might lead to shutdown.