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Dear Forester,

I know, I know....one more opinion from the public. Just what you need. I procrastinated writing because I am exhausted by everyone sharing their opinion about EVERYTHING. What is one voice, I said to myself. But I must write because I cherish trees and fresh water.

I met Kelly Fork and the Clearwater in 1981 when I moved to Asotin. Left work one Friday evening in Lewiston and drove straight into a thunderstorm out of Headquarters trying to reach Kelly Creek. Had to pull off the road for the night. Lightening hit a tree...I heard it fall. Saturday morning we found the crystal clear Kelly creek, pulled off the road behind a huge tree, and celebrated a weekend of fishing and solitude. We drank from the river. Who does that anymore??? Not me. My 2 year old grandson Eli will never dip his hand in ice cold running river water and drink from his palm. And probably never spend a night in the forest without seeing another 2-legged.

I moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1987. My last stay on Kelly Creek was almost six years ago. Our Idaho forests have changed a lot since 1981. Campgrounds are full of generators, the roads dusty with ATVers, and the river rocks are slick with scum. Our world needs the sanctuary that our roadless forest wilderness provides and all wildlife needs safe habitat.

Please make the choice to protect our forests and fresh water by NOT building more roads NOR extracting resources without accountability. For Eli...for your grandchildren.

Thank you for your time....Deb Hammett