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Comments: Comments On DEIS and Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am one of the recreating population of the Lochsa Corridor. I spend hundreds of hours each spring and summer on the river and in the surrounding areas.

I know that harming even one drainage that feeds the Lochsa river, particularly White Sands and Colt Killed Creek, would invariably damage the experience of the Lochsa River.

Given that the Lochsa River already has a Wildcand Scenic designation, it makes complete sense that all 89 streams that you have already found eligible for Wild and Scenic designation remain protected as eligible in the new forest plan, and to voice support for their suitability for designation. My interest in wild rivers is not met or even considered by the Draft Plan in any alternative. Even the best alternative removes eligibility protections from over half of the streams you've found eligible. This is falling short of requests for designation put forth in the past, and it cannot be overlooked by the Lochsa River Community.

Please, this would be a massive step in preserving the Lochsa River for the enjoyment of this generation and the next.

Thank you for considering these and all additional comments coming from people with my experience.

Sincerely,

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