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Dear Zach Peterson:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Forest Plan Revision for the 1.5 million acre Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest NPCNF.

I write to demand this proposed NPCNF forest plan revision be cancelled. In other words, keep the current forest plan and wildlife and wildlife habitats safeguards in place. Quickly update and immediately enforce ongoing legal guidance handed down by the federal courts.

There can be no logging or road building within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. This beautiful, unspoiled wilderness ecosystem is an inventoried roadless area protected under the Roadless Rule of 2001. And as such, has become a popular tourist destination. Visitation is threatening to overrun the forest services' ability to preserve the beauty that attracted so many in the first place.

The exact opposite of a heavily roaded clear-cut strewn with tree limbs and the deafening silence of the absent wildlife.

Ban snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicle entry into the NPCNF critical habitats, home of numerous endangered, threatened and proposed endangered species waiting for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to act. Many fully deserving of the protections they have illegally been denied and waited for decades to appear. Trapped in the nightmarish politics of greed.

The NPCNF provides critical habitats for five listed species and more than six deserving of the same protections under the Endangered Species Act. It is extremely important to ban all motorized and mechanical apparatus from entry into the NPCNF, Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas for these species to have any chance to survive at all. Forest Service employee's must obey and find the courage to enforce the law of the land for that to happen . . . period

Ban ATV's, snowmobiles and helicopters in wilderness quality lands immediately. That would solve most, but not all, wildlife protection problems.

Thank you for reading this letter and carrying out my request. Cancel the illegal forest plan revision. Obey and enforce the law.

Sincerely,

James Woods