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Dear Mr. Peterson,

I disapprove of your 2020 draft forest plan for the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests. It fails to take into science into account on many important issues. The increase in logging is a huge detriment to maintaining some of the last roadless areas in the world. The Citizen Conservation Biology outline provided by Friends of the Clearwater is a much better alternative for citizens of the state. As an Idaho native who has spent time in Indiana where there are essentially no public areas, I can assure you of the importance of maintaining public ownership of these forest areas. Implementation of your plan would damage fragile ecosystems by removing standards for old-growth forests and allow the commercialization of forest areas by elites who will take advantage of the environment leaving citizens with nothing.

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