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Comments: Comments On DEIS and Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

As a river user and hydrologist, I implore you to keep the 89 streams under consideration protected under the wild and scenic designation. Our country has too long prioritized profit over protection, an action that is deplorable and in many cases irreversible. Rivers and water systems have more intrinsic value in their natural and un-molested state than any financial gain otherwise, and I hope the Forest Service can see that value.

I am writing to ask that all 89 streams that you have 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, and thus the range of alternatives is too narrow.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Zach Whitt Bellvue, CO 80512 zcwhitt@gmail.com