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Comments: Comments On DEIS and Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

I am an Idaho resident and avid whitewater kayaker. I have traveled the world in search of outstanding whitewater. The whitewater rivers in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest-including the Salmon River, Selway River, Lochsa River, Fish Creek, North Fork Clearwater River, and South Fork Clearwater-are among the most outstanding and remarkable rivers I have paddled in over 25 years as a kayaker. These rivers have a unique combination of free-flowing watersheds, awe-inspiring scenery, remoteness, high water quality, and challenging whitewater that deserves strong and enduring legal protection. The recreational and spiritual experiences these streams provide must be preserved for future generations, just as they were preserved for my generation.

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,

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