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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 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.

I have extensive experience on the waterways in this part of Idaho. As an angler and whitewater enthusiast I list the Lochsa and Clearwater drainages among my very favorites and most dear to my heart. I make the annual pilgrimage from Southern California every Memorial Day to kayak with my friends on the Lochsa, the Upper Lochsa, the South Fork of the Clearwater, the North Fork of the Clearwater, Fish Creek, Lolo Creek, Clear Creek, Old Man Creek, North and South Moose Creek, and the Selway River just to name a few. This is one of the last vestiges of an unobstructed Salmon run in the lower 48 and to remove eligibility and start down the road to removing protections is, in my opinion, blasphemy, flying in the face of your duties to protect our public resources.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Josh Wood

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