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To whom it may concern,

Growing up during the 70's in northern Illinois, my parents often took us camping in Wisconsin and Minnesota. These were wonderful adventures and memories I will always cherish. In the summer of 1976, we took the family camping trip out West. That was the turning point in our lives that led my parents to make the decision to move to Montana. We landed in Butte and my parents still live there and each morning they look out to the Highlands, Fleece, the Pintlers and the East Ridge in awe of the majesty of those mountains.

My Dad loved to fish and hunt and though he does not get out due to his age and physical disabilities, he still loves to know that opportunities to enjoy the outdoors are still there for his grandson. When I tell him of the closures, he is sad and disappointed that his grandson will not be able to enjoy the same experiences he did.

With that said, I oppose the Nez Pierce-Clearwater Forest Revision Plan #44089.

Motorized use is on the increase in the west. Your plan will not meet this demand and the citizens who pay taxes to keep our public lands open are being shut out. It seems to be 'the plan' is to keep people out instead of inviting people to enjoy recreation use on public lands. I believe these actions are the reason that many people do not trust the NFS. And these actions will cause more harm to come to the relationships between the NFS and its constituents. Please come to the table and work with all of the entities fairly and with integrity.

Creating more road-less areas is the job of Congress not the NFS. By taking away motorized designated routes, you are creating 'de-facto' wilderness. This action is illegal and unwarranted.

Shutting down snowmobile access in the Great Burn Area is an unnecessary act. And using the wildlife as an excuse is just not derived from fact. The animals and snowmobilers are not interested in the same amount of snow. They need food to survive and we need snow to be safe. You have not disclosed any reports about human-animal conflicts since the Clearwater Travel Plan three years ago.

Thank you for considering keeping our access open for motorized use. Our children's access in the future depends upon your actions.

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