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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 am a professional river guide in Idaho, based on the Middle Fork of the Salmon, and I live and recreate in this part of the country year round. To remove eligibility protections from these streams would be a disservice to ourselves, future generations, and society at large, not to mention a frankly immoral dereliction of our duty to protect these places for their inherent value.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely, Thomas Bauerschmidt Sweeney 77 Limber Pne Whitefish, MT 59937-8638 bauerschmidtsweeney@gmail.com