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Dear Forest Planner Peterson,

I strongly support plan E2. Preserve and protect ALL of it. Timbering needs to be maintained as is healthiest for the land. Based on animal populations, hunting should be allowed on a limited lottery basis. There should be no preference for residency in access or cost for licenses. The land is federally protected and maintained so all taxpayers have equal interest in the area. It should be preserved "forever wild."

The new forest plan for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest should prioritize and accelerate forest management activities on lands determined to be suitable for timber harvesting. This will enable the forest to achieve desired outcomes for our public lands while providing positive economic and social benefits to our communities. The forest plan should be revised to

- Achieve desired conditions and attain the Historic Range of Variation through active forest management, including logging and thinning to attain higher compositions of early seral species, decreased tree densities, increased resiliency and diversity of forest vegetation.
- Recognize the importance of economic viability of the local forest products infrastructure that will be required to perform the necessary restoration treatments.
- Meet the intent of the Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act by including the sustained-yield of timber as a "desired condition."
- Provide land managers with increased flexibility to use a range of forest management tools and logging systems to more efficiently and effectively achieve desired conditions on the ground.
- Ensure an adequate and intact road system for forest management, firefighting, recreation and other forest uses.

Successful management of the resources identified in the Nez Perce-Clearwater plan is attainable. Resources such as timber and wildlife are not mutually exclusive. It is possible to provide a stable and predictable supply of timber; sustain rural economies; recover fish and wildlife species listed under the Endangered Species Act; provide clean air and water; and provide habitat for viable populations of wildlife species all at the same time.

Sincerely,

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