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Comments: Comments On DEIS and Wild and Scenic Suitability Report

Dear Plan Revision Email Nez Perce Clearwater National Forests,

One of my first trips to the West was a paddling trip to the Selway and Lochsa. It was the first of many and led me and my family to move west (WA) some 20 years ago. The Clearwater area remains a favorite place, and I hope to get back as soon as safely possible.

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, Rich Bowers 830 Reveille St Bellingham, WA 98229-8804 bowers830@comcast.net