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Dear Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest,

Please accept my comments on the 2022 IDFG Sheep Collaring Project (Salmon and Red River Ranger Districts).

I urge the Forest Service (FS) to reject Idaho Fish and Game's (IDFG) request to use helicopters to pursue, capture, and collar up to 20 bighorn sheep in the Gospel Hump and Frank Church-River of No Return Wildernesses.

NO use of helicopters should be tolerated within any established Wilderness Area! I do approve the monitoring of potential diseases, even collaring, for the sake of sustaining native wildlife - but not via involuntary torture. No use of mechanical equipment within these rare and precious environs need be necessary to achieve such ends.

The Forest Service needs to uphold established Wilderness law and reject IDFG's latest proposal for motorized intrusion and intentional trammeling of the Gospel Hump and Frank Church-River of No Return Wildernesses in Idaho. IDFG needs to conduct this project outside of Wilderness and NEVER subject Wilderness to helicopters (nor chainsaws!).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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