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Comments: Comment on Wild and Scenic River Inventory: My only comment is that I would like to see the Thompson River considered for 'Recreation' status or even some stretches for 'Scenic' perhaps. It is really a beautiful river. It gets fished heavily and seems to be a fly fishing favorite. Bull trout can be caught in the river (certainly an outstanding criteria). Whitewater kayaking is popular on the lower stretch. And dispersed recreation is very popular. I wasn't able to learn why it had been excluded in the 1991 inventory, but my guess would be because of the two roads along the river. There is talk of combining the two roads at some point, but that is for the future.

Comment of Draft Wilderness Inventory:

1. Polygons 01 and 02 Inventoried roadless (dots) in the head of Prospect Creek should be looked at for potential inclusion with adjacent Idaho Panhandle (Coeur d'Alene) NF potential wilderness.
2. Polygon 10 NE of Thompson Falls should all be considered, both dotted and plain purple. Even some of the areas that are shown on the map as clearcut/exclusion due to logging have recovered. The area has been gated for years, and the road is probably impassable. On the face (just NE of Thompson Falls) many of the areas shown as cuts were helicopter logged, and only partial cuts and now have been burned over in the Thorne Creek fire.
3. Polygon 09 should all be considered, taking into account adjacent roadless on the Kaniksu NF (admin by Kootenai).
4. Polygon 08 dotted (inventoried roadless) should all be considered. A few logged units within it were helicopter logged. Also the map you have presented makes it very difficult to figure out actual locations, and whether you are showing logging units under the dotted and colored layers of the GIS