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Comments: I Object to this Forest Plan. The Plan is absolutely inadequate in many ways, particularly with respect to Wilderness.

The wilderness recommendation is a paltry 263,000 acres, a measly 17% of the roughly 1.5 million acres of roadless country in both forests. (not all of the qualifying areas were even studied). The most important roadless area for wildlife, the 250,000 acre plus Weitas Creek (including Cayuse Creek), is not proposed for wilderness.

Other important areas that are entirely excluded are:

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness additions around Elk Summit (previously recommended by the Forest Service),
South Lochsa Face

Gedney Creek

Rapid River (an addition to Hells Canyon Wilderness)

Pot Mountain, a critical area for mountain goats, among other species

Fish and Hungery Creeks, some of the best steelhead habitat in the region

Cove-Mallard (which would be additions to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness)

Upper North Fork

Gospel-Hump Wilderness additions

Moose Mountain (currently protected as a non-motorized backcountry area)

Kelly Creek/Great Burn is eviscerated, the state-line trail is excluded, effectively cutting this bi-state gem in half.