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Comments: Dear Sir/ Madam,

I strenuously object to the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Land Management Plan. As a 25-year resident of this area, with almost every summer spent in the back country enclosed in this proposal, I know first hand the unique and precious resource that these forests and waters provide to our existence. Do NOT log it to this extent that will threaten endangered animals and the forest resources that they depend on.

I support and demand that you reassess the following points brought forward by the Friends of the Clearwater group. They have spent the time and resources necessary to reasonably address this issue.

Roughly 17% of roadless country is recommended as wilderness, and the Great Burn is essentially halved.

Stream buffers (areas next to waterways you can't log) are reduced by 50% to 66%, a major blow to steelhead, salmon, lamprey, bull trout, and cutthroat.

Enforceable Old-growth standards are abandoned. All old-growth forest wide would be subject to either clearcutting or damaging "thinning" projects.

Wildlife standards are basically nonexistent. This is a serious problem for grizzly bears, wolverines, and other rare mammals.

Logging is planned to triple from the levels seen in the last several decades (see graph below). They are hoping to return to the "big chop" of the 1960s, which would be a death knell for forest species like goshawks and fisher

Carbon stocks are not measured by the plan, nor are the potentially massive carbon emissions from logging estimated or addressed.

This is a severely flawed proposal and we, the public, demand that you do better to protect our valuable wilderness areas.