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Comments: This objection is related to the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Land Management Plan,

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These forests are the public's forests, and this plan fails us. This plan fails spawning fish by dramatically increasing logging and reducing stream buffers by more than 50% of the previous forest plan. These are the same streambeds already plagued with inappropriately high levels of sedimentation for rearing fish according to some of the Service's own data. This plan fails elk, grizzly, wolverine, lynx, fisher, and mountain goat habitat. Less than 20% of suitable wilderness lands are recommended for wilderness designation in this plan, and road density or other quantifiable habitat standards have been eliminated or made optional/discretional. How are we assured that the habitat will be viable for wildlife? The amount of logging proposed is a staggering 200 million board feet annually, 4-5 times the annual averages over the last 25 years. This logging plan further desiccates the land and eliminates a most efficient mechanism to reduce atmospheric carbon. Independent climate, water and forestry scientists agree that reducing deforestation will sequester more carbon, hold more moisture, and provide a needed buffer for our climate health strategies. This plan also flies in the face of President's Biden's old growth and climate policies and directives. This plan takes us in the opposite direction of where we need to be going. I believe people truly value clean air and water, wildlife habitat, space for cultural practices, hunting, and outdoor recreation. This plan fails to care for the public's forest on so many levels, it should be completely overhauled with modern science and from a forest health point of view vs a maximum extraction point of view.