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Comments: I am writing again today to comment on the Nez Perce-Clearwater Draft Plan (previously in a hand written letter during the first comment period). This time it is an objection to the preferred alternative proposed for the management of the Hoodoo Roadless Area.

I moved to Montana in 1982 and the Great Burn was my first designation for backpacking and hiking. It was simply awesome and unbelievable with the wildlife and beauty. Every year since then I have hiked and explored the area. Seeing the mountain goats on the cliffs has been a favorite experience. How close I feel to God and being connected to this world when I experience this area. I would like to pass this this experience on to my grandson!!!

With all of the extensive areas open to motorized vehicles and mountain bikes in Idaho why does this unique roadless area need to be open to man??? Other species need protection to simply survive and this roadless area is critical for them. In this era of climate change and encroachment of man please give wildlife a better chance to survive. Connectivity, better winter and summer habitat, and quiet will give them a better chance to mate, keep the gene pool stronger and have successful young. Mountain biking and motorized vehicles will disrupt the tenuous lives of wildlife including wolverines and goats.

It is also amazing to me in this day and age that binding wildlife standards to ensure species survival in future agency decisions are not included!!! Please be forward looking for the next generations of wildlife and for the concept that "in Wildness is the Preservation of Man".

Thank you for your efforts and time.