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Comments: As a native Westerner and environmentally motivated voter who is deeply concerned about the survival of our distinctive native species and ecosystems, I appreciate the opportunity to express my objections to the Nez Perce-Clearwater Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Final Forest Plan #44089. I am opposed to the preferred alternative, which proposes management of the Hoodoo Roadless Area. I also oppose the lack of wildlife standards for wolverines and mountain goats in the plan.

The entire Hoodoo Roadless Area of 151,874 acres should be managed by the Forest Service as Recommended Wilderness. The important habitat that it provides is vital to maintaining many sensitive species, especially near the Stateline. This plan increases threats to these species by proposing removing sections of Recommended Wilderness in that particular area.

It is vitally important that motorized use be prohibited in winter in the Great Burn. According to scientific research, motorized use can have a detrimental effect on wildlife behavior and winter habitat. The Forest Service must also add binding wildlife standards to the forest plan to ensure that these species survive.

Thank you for considering my objections.