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Comments: I have been following the planning process for the Nez Perce-Clearwater and have some concerns about the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Final Forest Plan #44089. As a previous comment writer and somebody who has spent many a night in the backcountry lakes of the Great Burn (as well as at Trout Creek Campground), I believe that there is not a better place in the Northwest to simultaneously commune with wildlife (goats, bears, birds of prey) and rest in much-needed silence. I find it to be an especially restorative destination in the colder months, which is why I believe that prohibiting snowmobiles and other winter motorized use in this region should be of the highest priority. Research has found that the noise and disturbance caused by snowmobiles can detrimentally impact the habitat and behavior of the many species who call the Great Burn home.

I would encourage you to classify the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area (all 151,874 acres of it) as Recommended Wilderness. The Hoodoo Roadless Area provides critical habitat for many sensitive species, especially near the Stateline, where this plan proposes removing sections of Recommended Wilderness. My experiences in the upper reaches of the Great Burn remind me of those in established Wilderness Areas in Montana (except with more wildlife!), so I believe that this area is worthy of the Recommended Wilderness designation.

Thank you for considering my objection.