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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to object to the Nez Perce-Clearwater Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Final Forest Plan #44089.

I did not initially object to his plan, but now I realize that it is vital that I do. I believe that this large intact roadless area is extremely important to support endangered wildlife, particularly wolverines, which were just added to the Endangered Species list. These animals need large tracts of roadless areas to survive. I read the book *The Wolverine Way* and learned how incredible they are and how they need so much space to live. Other sensitive species will benefit also.

Below are additional reasons that I object:

I object to the preferred alternatives proposed management of the Hoodoo Roadless Area and the plan's lack of wildlife standards for wolverines and mountain goats.

The Forest Service should manage the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area (151,874 acres) as Recommended Wilderness. The Hoodoo Roadless Area provides important habitat for many sensitive species, especially near the Stateline, where this plan proposes removing sections of Recommended Wilderness.

Prohibiting winter motorized use in the Great Burn is critically important, as research has found that this use can detrimentally impact wildlife behavior and winter habitat. Additionally, the Forest Service must add binding wildlife standards to the forest plan to ensure species survival into the future.

Thank you for considering my objection.