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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 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.

I have spent a lot of time in the Great Burn on both the Montana side and in Idaho. This is one of the most intact, wild areas left in the lower 48 states. There are plenty of places for motorized use, but not a lot of places left for solitude and wildlife. Once a place is opened up to human uses such as motorized or mechanized, there's no turning back the clock. Please reconsider your decision in favor of wildlife and habitat and the last vestiges of wildness in our country (outside of AK).

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.