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Comments: As conservationists who value and recreate in our precious national forests and who have explored some of the affected region, we want to object to part of the Nez Perce-Clearwater Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Final Forest Plan #44089. We object to the preferred alternatives proposed management of the Hoodoo Roadless Area and the plan's lack of wildlife standards for imperiled 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 our objection.