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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.

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.

Given the stark realties wildlife and ecosystems are currently facing in this era, I would think the protection of more of the landscape would be a consideration by federal agencies such as yours. But time and again, you show us all where your priorities lie, which is both insightful and troubling. I long for the day when a less corrupt and a more honest, caring and intelligent approach would be commonplace with respect to the needs of wildlife species and their habitat needs.

Thank you for considering my objection.