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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 commented earlier on the plan, voicing my concern that the Great Burn should be managed as a roadless area in its entirety to protect one of the largest truly wild areas left in the lower 48 states.

The importance of this spectacular area to give refuge to the entire suite of Northern Rocky Mountain wildlife can not be overstated. Opening up large areas to motorized use will greatly impact a number of increasingly threatened wildlife species.

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.