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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 state line, where this plan proposes removing sections of Recommended Wilderness.

Prohibiting winter motorized use (i.e. snowmobiles) in the Great Burn is critically important, as research has found that this use can detrimentally impact wildlife behavior and winter habitat. Also, snowmobiles are antithetical to the meaning of wilderness, and the wilder the place snowmobiles go, the more rescues from avalanche slopes will be needed. 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.