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Comments: I object to any portion of Meadow Creek for wilderness recommendation. I also object to any portion of Meadow Creek being suitable to W & S designation. This objection is based on that it will limit management options and response to wild land fire.

I have lived in Elk City for almost 50 years and have watched first hand the devastation fire has wreaked on vast swaths of existing wilderness to the east of our township. So much has burned that those areas climatic conditions have radically changed and will have long term negative impacts.

The long term fire history of much of the Nez Perce Forest is large scale stand replacement. Large fires cannot be allowed to get out of control, which is exactly what will happen if the timber presently there is allowed to burn because it cannot be controlled under wilderness imposed management/response restrictions. It will come roaring out of there and vaporize our township. I have been employed by R-1, USFS and State of Alaska, Alaska Fire Service the past 20 years in a fire suppression support capacity. I am also very familiar with the history of our area here. 1910, 1930 will happen again.