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Comments: Please note my comments about and objections to the Nez Perce-Clearwater Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Final Forest Plan #44089. I have backpacked and hiked through the Hoodoo Roadless area and it is simply unbelievable that the pristine silence and beauty I encountered there will not continue to be protected from motorized use. These quiet, undisturbed areas are so very precious - whereas motorized options for recreation abound throughout the country. I sat quietly and watched moose cow/calf pairs browsing in the understory of pines, I've walked quietly past black bear nosing in meadows. And I've sat on mountainsides and enjoyed the blissful quietude of nature. Why would the Forest Service threaten these special, wild places just to appease those who feel the need to straddle loud, burping machines? Why not reward those of us who enjoy the wildness of the land, who relish its peace and who tread lightly on the land to preserve it for the next generation? It makes absolutely no sense. Nature is to be protected, preserved, honored and loved - not maligned, violated and squeezed between pavement corridors. The dwindling areas where humans can meander quietly are essential to what sustains our hearts, our souls. It's essential to the sane survival of our species. I can't believe motorized vehicles and machinery need to have access to every square inch of wildness. I strenuously 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.

My many visits to and hikes in the Stateline area have left me with treasured memories. It is a favorite destination for the womens' hiking group Wilderness on Wednesdays. The group has hiked all areas of the Stateline trail, gazed into the Hoodoo Roadless Area, and relished the peace and sisterhood of nature since the 1970s. I am so sad and so very disheartened that your preferred plan will forever alter this pristine area.

The Forest Service should manage the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area (151,874 acres) as Recommended Wilderness.

I hope you will truly consider those of us who object to this plan. Our wild lands are so very rare and special. Once protections are lifted, that solitude will be gone forever. Future generations will look at us with such great and unbounded disappointment.

Thank you.