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Comments: I live much of every year in a remote off-the-grid cabin and personally observe the impacts faced by wildlife from habitat overuse by humans . . . especially on noisy machines. It should be clear in 2024 that protections for wild areas is critical and such areas should be expanded rather than reduced in size.

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.

Thank you for considering my objection.