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Dear Forest Service,

As a long-time wilderness and roadless activist, I want to tell you that I support all remaining eligible roadless areas be designated as 'Big W' Wilderness in the Forest Plan. I am intimately acquainted with all these landscapes -- in fact, I wrote a book on them, called 'Wild to the Last', which details the history of your agency in denying these lands the protections they have deserved. 'Wild to the Last' has held up well over time, from a historical perspective, and I am more embarrassed than anything that you elect to sell other books on the history of the USFS in your gift shops, but won't sell it. Let me know if you need a copy. Appropriate humility on your part should be a part of the revision, and this book will serve it up in spades. The Forest Plan revision is a prime opportunity to fix past wrongs, and while I'm doubtful you'll seize the opportunity -- one can always hope!

So many of you all know the land almost as well as I do, and certainly in your dark conscience know that the quality of timber in the remaining roadless country is low, and Americans will benefit primarily if it is protected. I encourage you to find that place to speak that truth during the Forest Plan revision and quit dreaming of past grandiose, destructive revivals of the timber and extractive industry, and do the right thing. In the long run, you'll all sleep much better at night. And as we all get older, we all know that a good night's sleep is its own reward.

If there are any questions about this e-mail, do not hesitate to contact me on my cell @ 509-432-9290. And in case you have any desk jockeys that haven't seen that amazing place in your backyard, I volunteer to bring my extensive library of 4"x5" slides down to show them what they're missing. I'd also be more than happy to lend some photos to your photo library so others can know just how majestic the Clearwater/Nez Perce roadless country is. Just let me know.

Sincerely,
Chuck Pezeshki
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