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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.

I submitted a comment previously on the proposed Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan and my concerns regarding the Great Burn/Hoodoo Roadless Area have only grown more urgent. I am a former Forest Service employee and have taken pack trips in the Great Burn.

In an increasingly motorized and mechanized world, the relatively small specks of remaining roadless areas in the public lands portfolio are more important than ever. When I open any random National Forest map I am struck by the enormous network of roads on our public lands. We need to show some restraint on opening our remaining quiet backcountry areas to motorized and mechanized travel. There is plenty of opportunity for these uses other than on the last vestiges of our quiet geography. Not only as a respite for people but more importantly, to protect species of wildlife that require wildness for their very survival. The Great Burn is pivotal in this effort.

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.