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Comments: I strongly urge you to consider the below points. Keep it Wild!

Not enough alternatives - even in this type of shortened environmental review (which is an Environmental Assessment, or "EA"), agencies are required to consider a suite of alternatives or scenarios. This analysis didn't do that - they merely analyzed the possible impacts of their preferred project, and the impact of doing nothing. This is not substantial enough.

The Hells Canyon National Recreation is treated no differently than normal lands set aside for timber production - 43% of this project area is inside the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, a place specifically recognized, and protected, by Congress for its special values. This means that it has its own management plan which is separate from the Forest Plan for the overall National Forest, and includes limitations on why, how, and where they can log. The Forest Service needs to acknowledge and directly address this.

Commercial units should be further amended to exclude places that haven't been logged before, are part of important unroaded habitat blocks, or would require "temporary" road building to access them. No temporary roads should be built to complete this project, especially considering existing road densities in the forest. Commercial units within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area must match the intent of the Comprehensive Management Plan.

Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

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