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Comments: The Nezperce-Clearwater National Forest matters to me. My connection to the forest is that it is a place that is home to wildlife habitat for timber wolf, raccoon, moose, black bear, coyote, cougar, elk, two species of fox, bald eagle, pika, beaver, flammulated owl, pine marten, white-tailed and mule deer, muskrat, river otter, peregrine falcon, mink, marmot, fisher, and mountain goat. It matters because it is home to so much wildlife that depend on it as critical habitat. If this goes through that critical habitat and soil stability will be permanently disrupted, including road maintenance across 21 miles of existing roads and new temporary routes as it will increase sediment and runoff impacts in an already fire-affected landscape. The standing dead and fallen trees are necessary for the wildlife that depend on these trees even AFTER a wildfire. If this is approved, 600 acres of fire-affected forest will be logged and 30 miles of roads will be expanded or opened, causing lasting damage to soils, streams and recovering habitat that has already been harmed by the wildfire. Natural post-fire recovery allows the environment and wildlife to heal. The proposal bundles visitor infrastructure changes at Giant White Pine trailhead with industrial salvage logging and these activities deserve separate environmental reviews under NEPA.
Take the time to visit the forest. Stand in awe at is magnificence. Protect it for all that live there now and those that come after us!