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Forest Plan Revision Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests
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Dear Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests,

I greatly value the natural assets of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National
Forest, in particular solitude, recreation, and secure habitat for
grizzly bears, wolves, and other wild animals.

I am writing to express my concern with the current proposal for the
Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests revised forest plan, which
would significantly decrease current protections for fish and wildlife.
I urge you to instead adopt the citizens' alternative prepared by
Friends of the Clearwater.

The new forest plan needs to include clear and enforceable standards to
ensure protection for the area's imperiled species like wolves, bears,
lynx, wolverines, salmon and bull trout. And these standards must be
based on the best available science, which recognizes the critical
importance of these wildlands in central Idaho.

The Forest Service must also protect all remaining roadless areas on
these national forests. Due to past forest fragmentation and ongoing
climate change, these unroaded areas are far more important as
protected refuges for fish and wildlife than any other use or activity.
And the Forest Service must also develop a plan that protects the
remaining old-growth forests on these lands, as well as the area's
rivers and streams, improving upon existing standards for water
quality, rather than weakening these standards with loopholes,
exceptions and unenforceable provisions.

The values that I, and many others, hold of protected wildlife habitat
and improved non-motorized recreation opportunities must be thoroughly
discussed in this process, and preserved by the new forest plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

PLEASE PROTECT THE NEZ PERCE-CLEARWATER FOREST NOW. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

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