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Forest Plan Revision Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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Dear Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests,

Dear Sirs,

We are concerned about any new developments in the Nez-Perce Forest. We have enjoyed the Idaho wilderness by backpacking in the River of no Return Wilderness and float trips on the Lochsa river.

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.

Sincerely,

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