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Dear Forest Service

The magnificent Great Burn has been recommended for Wilderness designation by the Forest Service for more than four decades. Why then is this legacy being threatened to be undone in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest's proposed Forest Plan revision, that proposes to put three new snowmobile areas in one of our wildest places.

As stewards of our public lands, I urge you to maintain the 40 year legacy of Recommended Wilderness in the Great Burn by selecting Proposed Action Option A for the Hoodoo (Great Burn) Roadless Area and adding the Bighorn-Weitas Roadless Area to Recommended Wilderness status.

Only Option A for the Hoodoo Roadless Area guarantees traditional quiet recreation opportunities, critical winter habitat for sensitive species like mountain goats and wolverines, and connectivity for grizzly bears and other species between the Great Burn and the Cabinet-Yaak and Crown of the Continent ecosystems.

Eliminate Option B which creates a motorized recreation management nightmare for the Nez Perce-Clearwater and Lolo National Forests by carving unenforceable boundaries in Recommended Wilderness. Any boundaries established for snowmobiles would be largely unenforceable. Signs would be ignored or snowed over, enforcement would be minimal and prosecution would be difficult if not impossible. Creating snowmobile areas would invite other uses incompatible with Wilderness to assert their activities in the same area, including ATVs, motorcycles or mountain biking