



## MONTANA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION

### Nez-Perce Clearwater Forest Plan Comment Guide

*Comments accepted through April 20, 2020*

Here are key points to include in your comments to the Forest Service about the revised Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan:

- The Great Burn is one of the largest roadless areas in the Lower 48. It is outstandingly wild and provides critical habitat for wildlife including but not limited to mountain goats, wolverines, lynx, and dispersing grizzly bears.
- This plan should protect the wilderness values of this area to maximize future potential for wilderness designation. The entire 151,874-acre area should be recommended as wilderness in the final plan.
- [Snowmobiling is known to have adverse effects on mountain goat populations](#) and the populations in the Great Burn deserve protection. The revised forest plan should not open any of the Great Burn to winter motorized access. [This map](#) depicts the areas the Forest Service has proposed opening to winter motorized access in the Great Burn. (Another study: [Mountain Goat Population Changes in Relation to Energy Exploration Along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front](#))
- Kelly Creek and its three forks (north, middle, and south), as well as Cayuse Creek, in The Great Burn should be recognized as suitable for Wild and Scenic River status.

Don't hesitate to share your personal stories and experiences in the Great Burn in your comment to the Forest Service. Be as specific as possible, and share how the decisions made in this plan will impact you.

If you'd like to include recommendations about other wild places beyond the Great Burn in your comments, [watch this video from the Idaho Conservation League](#). There are quite a few special rivers and landscapes on this forest.

All of the Nez Perce-Clearwater produced [forest planning documents are available here](#).

By submitting your comment through our MWA portal, which is designed to help you create a detailed, compelling message, you help us track the level of support we've been able to create for the Great Burn. If you'd prefer, you can directly submit your comment via this [Forest Service page](#).

Questions? Contact Erin Clark at 406-823-0477 or [eclark@wildmontana.org](mailto:eclark@wildmontana.org) or come to our workshop on **Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9-10 a.m. at GoodWorks Ventures, 129 W. Alder St, Missoula.**