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We need more early successional habitat to encourage diversity of plants and wildlife in our NF. Single age mature hardwood as 95 % of National Forest is terrible plan. Do the right thing. At least 20% should be early young forest. Prescribed burning has been around since forests began. Our Native American brethren recognized the importance of that too. I understand the need to have some mature trees. Some need to be harvested as well. Part of the existence of our NF was to maintain lumber for our great nation.
Thank you for your time. Clarence R. McKemie III MD.

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