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**Questions re: GMNF Old Growth**

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To: "Strand, Jay -FS" <jay.strand@usda.gov>

Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 3:56 PM

Hi Jay,

I hope this email finds you well.

I'm hoping you can help me with the following questions:

1. Can you please share with me any instance (including a description of the total acres, geographic location, and the date of identification), where old-growth has been added to Tables 3.11-1 or 3.11-2 in the 2006 GMNF Forest Plan FEIS (p.3-230 and 3-234) or mapped since the publication of the 2006 GMNF Forest Plan?
2. Can you please share the criteria and process that are used to apply the GMNF Forest Plan definition of old-growth (GMNF Forest Plan Glossary, p141) to identify new areas of old-growth that meet the Forest Plan definition?

Thanks,

Zack

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Zack, the following are the responses to your questions:

1. We have not added any old growth areas to those listed in the Forest Plan EIS.
2. The criteria to identify potential additional old growth areas are provided by the Forest Plan definition:  
*A patch of relatively old forest of at least 5 to 10 acres that has escaped catastrophic or stand-replacing disturbance associated with the prevailing natural disturbance regimes of the Forest. Such old growth stands exhibit a long history of continuity and a demonstrated future via replacement dynamic (GMNF Forest Plan, Glossary, p. 140).*

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