Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/9/2024 5:00:00 AM First name: Robyn Last name: Brooks Organization: Title: Comments: To all concerned,

I live in Etowah, NC. I retired and moved to the region because it offered a healthy environment and unlimited exploration of the great outdoors. I live 15 minutes from Pisgah-Nantahala National Forests. This area is one of the most beautiful places in the US. I hike there year round.

There is a plan before you to amend forest management nationwide. The amendments proposed by the Forest Service should create standards for the protection of all old-growth forests on National Forest Lands. It's important that the new rule is strong enough to protect the rich biodiversity of our region and to keep these massive carbon stores firmly rooted in the soil to mitigate climate change and flexible enough to allow for the restoration of old-growth stand structure and wildfire resilience.

Please be a steward for our irreplaceable old growth forests. Create a plan that will protect Pisgah-Nantahala and other old growth forests in the US.

Respectfully,

Robyn Brooks

Attachment: C674CC58-2628-4F3F-BD10-CD66B233639A - Picture of trees.

Attachment: IMG 6028.jpg Picture of Trees

Attachment: IMG 6031.jpg Picture of mountains with trees.

Attachment: IMG 6028.jpg Picture of trees.