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Comments: The USFS has practiced single species forest management in South Mississippi for many decades, namely pine timber. The exclusion of a healthy mix of hardwood timber has a negative effective chiefly on small game species such as bobwhite quail, squirrel, turkey, etc. While my observations are not scientifically based, I believe that a scientific study would support my assertion.

The forest service in South Mississippi should move toward practice of promoting a bio-diverse forest. Currently Devon's made on forest management are based on growing timber (Pine) for its economic value.

I would also recommend a more aggressive prescribed burn program to promote a habitat that will benefit wildlife.

ATTACHMENT: IMG_4778.png - two dogs in woods with tall dry grass