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Comments: All karst landscapes, on all watersheds, should be protected. The proposed changes are not needed, and would result in an additional 739 harvestable acres on moderate vulnerability karst if the karst prescription were amended. This represents 25% of the Forest Plan Harvest restricted areas. The original S-YG-KC-03 was implemented to allow second-growth management on the areas identified as least vulnerable karst. The amended S-YG-KC-03 represents an 'erosion' of protections of karst landscapes by loss of the restriction on created openings to not exceed 10 acres and a maximum removal of 35 percent on moderate vulnerability karst. Glacier Grotto could support this amendment if the timber harvest openings were more restrictive to less than 5 acres and maximum removals limited to 25% or less of original harvested stands. While even-aged management is useful in bringing the forest into better stand age and species composition balance, any additional activities, especially by any kind of vehicles, on the extremely fragile karst soils could lead to infiltration, soil productivity/tree growth loss and possible deposition of sediments into adjacent higher vulnerability karst areas nearby. Maintaining 'natural processes' must include identification of subsurface water and soil transport into, through, across, and past low and moderate vulnerability karst and take into consideration the impact on adjacent areas. Glacier Grotto is also concerned that many areas have not been adequately inventoried and if these low and moderate vulnerability karst area were carefully inventoried by experienced observers/karst specialists, it seems likely the vulnerability rating would be modified to be more restrictive.