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Comments: RE: South Redbud District Logging Proposal

Please reconsider your proposed project. If the goal is to regenerate and improve the oak/hickory forest then clearcuts and shelterwood cuts are not appropriate to reaching that goal. Time has proven that the result will be massive infestation of invasive species, soil erosion, landslides, and flooding. The landscape will be scarred for decades to come.

The only reason to continue using these these silvicultural methods would be to attract timber buyers. The future of our forests should not be destroyed to enrich the logging industry. I believe that the USFS should manage the land with more emphasis on developing recreational opportunities and move away from large logging projects.

Thank you for your consideration.