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Comments: Re: WNF Forest Plan Revision:

Some notes relating to biodiversity and native plants and their consideration in the WNF Forest Plan Revision:

On page 23 the draft assessment omits ginseng from the description of federally listed plants requiring protection, but on page 38 ginseng is referenced as an endangered species and CITES listed. Ginseng is a federally listed endangered species and should be included and considered in this plan.

Some additional studies that should be considered when managing WNF for biodiversity:

Some additions to fill Information gaps on page 39:

Hackney and McGraw 2001

Van der Voort et al. 2003

Van der Voort and McGraw 2006

McGraw et al. 2003

Mooney and McGraw 2007

Mooney and McGraw 2009

Invasive species infestation as a result of manmade disturbance is detrimental to ginseng populations

Wixted and McGraw 2010

Ginseng vulnerability relating to climate change

Souther and McGraw 2010

Souther and McGraw 2011

Souther, Lechowicz, and McGraw 2012

Thank you,

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