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Comments: USFS, thank you for using a programmatic environmental assessment placing public notice and allowing public input. We are pleased that a minimum area in each watershed will be managed for old-growth attributes, and will essentially be left alone. An increase in the size of these areas within the watersheds would be optimal for not only animal and plant species maintenance, but for pollinator reproduction that will positively impact our farms and food supply. Please do not consider cutting all trees in order to regenerate the Yellow Pine. Hardwoods are the cornerstone for animal and plant species maintenance as well as pollinator survival. Moist forests should remain untouched for the same reasons as well as for possible wildfire control. I request that you consistently choose 'alternate 3' in order to abstain from cutting non-diseased old growth (80 years and above) and to preserve our pristine forests for the sake of the health of our present human population and generations to come.