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Comments: First of all I would like to thank you for taking our previous comments into consideration and revising the management plan. I was very pleased to hear there would be more public involvement in procedure and that the FS was setting aside more old growth areas.

I urge you to please keep those areas as they are. In the southeast, we're running out of true wilderness and genuine untouched forests. Please take a conservative approach when it comes to thinning or logging areas and stay out of our most precious, and sensitive parts of the forest. The overall goal should be to leave these places as close to pristine as possible. This means no new roads (only working close to existing roads), unnecessarily thinning mesic forests, and restrict harvesting where management is most needed.

Again, thank you for all the work you have done. I think by only focusing on the projects with broad support we can slow down gridlock and keep our forests the way they should be. Untouched.