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Comments: Within the Forest Service's plan to "treat"

144,000 acres in the Stevensville and Darby

Ranger Districts, I found a disturbing lack of

specificity regarding the location of the

53,000 acres slated for logging, and no mention of the importance of preserving the carbon sequestration services provided by old

growth (30-40 years old) stands.

Allowing logging of old growth stands, with the intention of incentivising lumber companies to carry out thinning and other forest health practices, would be a betrayal of Forest Service best practices in our current climate emergency.

Also, providing habitat for elk and other big

game animals should not be pursued at the expense of the Forest's ecosystem integrity as a haven for threatened species such as the Canada lynx, as well as it's myriad other ecosystem services, including water sequestration and purification.

Finally, the creation of timber jobs or products should be seen in service of the healthy Forest goal, over being ends in themselves.

Thank you for taking my views and concerns into consideration.