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Comments: I take strong exception to the assertion that since this "Programmatic Amendment" will have "no significant impact" and therefore an Environmental Assessment is sufficient. On the contrary, the stakes are extremely high for any change in a plan which applies forest wide and which asserts that carbon sequestration is not a present or prospectively significant impact factor for consideration in determining projects on the BNF. This approach practically precludes future public input on this essential climate mitigation strategy.
An Environmental Impact Statement is the only document that would adequately address the sweep and breadth of the changes proposed in this plan. In fact, the extremely vital role of trees 20+ years in age in sequestering carbon must be taken into account going forward. We do not have time to grow a new crop of trees to take care of our carbon debt. It is unconscienable that the BNF is attempting to finesse this glaring issue by attempting to get by with an EA. Please follow the science rather than public relations and logging agendas.