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Comments: The proposed project to log mostly old and mature trees to favor younger trees is wrong in the face of the climate emergency and should be stopped.

The project must be stopped until it can demonstrate compliance with President Biden's 2022 Executive Order to protect mature and old forests.

The GMNF staff should work cooperatively with community groups (such as SavePublicForests) to develop a "climate-smart" alternative that permanently protects most of the old forests on the public land in carbon reserves (while getting needed timber sustainably harvested from younger trees on private lands). Such climate-smart forestry should become a national model