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Comments: I couldn't find the time over which the project is proposing the timber management/harvest of close to 12K acres on roughly 30+K acres of US Forest Property in the project area, but at roughly 30%, that seems extremely high given the current state of the global climate change. I don't dispute that this plan is optimal for timber harvest, but the narrative doesn't adequately recognize the importance of old forest, and the need for much more woody structure on the forest floor than is typical on a 100 year timber rotation, to support biodiversity and climate resilience. I also did not see stated how much of the 72K acres of total project area is protected from logging now, so we don't know how much of this proposed older growth cut is affecting the total impact on older growth forested area in the project area. Anything you cut today will likely never be able to recover to old growth forest due to climate change, the local environment won't be stable enough over the next 200 years. A Northeast, Yale educated forest biologist, Harry White, once said that you don't cut forest to promote forest health, you cut forest for timber harvest, which is a legitimate practice, but it is not for the health of the forest. I would like to see this plan also address preservation of large areas for natural processes to evolve to create biodiversity reservoirs for this project area.