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Take a pro-forestation approach, letting the existing trees grow into mature and old growth. Allowing fallen trees to create snags and their own early successional habitats, naturally - the way they have done for millennia before people arrived assuming that they knew better.

Reintroduce beaver populations, as you'd mentioned during the USFS led hikes last year, to help with water retention and management. Somehow, that never made it into the current proposal.

No forest management that includes timber harvests of mature growth or older as it inevitably causes biodiversity to suffer, water quality to suffer, excessive release of carbon, soil disruption, and erosion.

Protect the habitat of the Endangered Northern Long Eared Bat, which is threatened enough from White Nosed Syndrome, the least we can do is support their preferred habitats to give them a fighting change.

Go back to square one on the proposal's 2006 (almost a generation ago) based science, bring it up to date with current research and data incorporating the effects and repercussions of the proposed management on the climate and above & amp; below ground carbon.