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Comments: Thank you to the Northern Hills RD for answering my questions on a conference call. I have a few comments on the draft EA.

1. Please provide additional information on how slash created by steep slope logging will be addressed. Explain the options and mitigation measures for reducing the impact of logging and precommercial thinning slash on potential fire behavior.
2. Please provide information on the potential visual impacts of steep slope logging and the mitigation measures for limiting these visual impacts.
3. I request that as part of this project, you identify potential old growth stands, since there are currently none within the project area.

Thank you.