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Comments: The Forest Service should consider the amount of mature and old-growth forests in the project area and make management decisions that preserve these forests. The creation of young forest habitats should not rely on the conversion of mature forests, but instead emphasize restoration work on old clearcuts, edge thinning of powerline corridors, wildlife openings, and other permanent openings. The Forest Service needs to consider the carbon sequestration effects of the proposal, including an accounting of carbon lost through proposed timber harvest.

The Forest Service should conduct a full Environmental Assessment instead of relying on a Categorical Exclusion. The proposal and analysis need to include site-specific information, including where logging will actually occur. The Forest Service needs to analyze the possible effects of the project on rare species, recreational uses, and other resources and values. The Forest Service also needs to take a hard look at landslide-prone areas, especially at the boundary of the Grundy and Borden formations which shows evidence of significant slope stability issues. Please offer a public comment period on the analysis before making any final decision to approve the project.