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Comments: I and my family are not okay with the new proposals. And the Forest Service avoiding an Environmental Assessment. There are many reasons why unlimited logging in a large area of historic forest is a problem. I hope you are receiving many comments saying them. One I will talk about is the old growth parts of this proposed plan. Mature and old-growth forests are important for a wide variety of species, keep massive amounts of carbon out of the atmosphere, and are highly valued by a majority of public lands users. But the Forest Service continues to advance a FALSE narrative that the greatest threat facing our forests is that they are too old and need to be "regenerated" by logging most of the timber. Out of the public eye, the Forest Service is planning projects and shaping policy with hunting groups like the Ruffed Grouse Society, which are becoming some of the biggest purchasers of federal timber through various "stewardship agreements."
Please 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.
Thank you.