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Comments: Old growth is critical for many species of wildlife. Protecting old growth is the right thing to do and is long over due. All projects that include destruction of old growth and potential old growth need to be put on hold until this is finalized. At that time they can be re-evaluated to determine if they include old growth which needs to be protected. In New Mexico there are projects currently approved to destroy old growth. They should not go forward. Northern NM, such as the Carson NF, is particularly bad.