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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a professional fisheries biologist and lifelong Michigan resident and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed old growth forest management plan for the national forests in my home state. Successional forest provides critical habitat to a greater number of species than old growth forest, including a number of game species important to Michigan's recreational economy.

I am not opposed to the preservation of some old growth forest, but I think it critical that federal lands in Michigan continue to be part of a rotational harvest management program that is particularly critical for poplar regeneration. To conclude, I would like to see this plan modified to include continued cutting in Michigan's national forests to a level that will maintain or increase current acreage of successional forest for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

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