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Comments: Private logging creates adequate 'early successional' habitat, so National Forest (NF) logging for that reason is proscribed. Other than removal of non-natives, there is no valid reason to decimate the NF 'carbon sink' by logging, which also retards the transition to mature/old-growth forest.

The eastern mesic forests are inimical to fire, therefore prescribed fires are unnatural and degrading to baseline ecology.

The Forest Service would do well to focus on research of forest dynamics, and abandon the extractive, profitjustified interference in forest maturation.