Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/5/2024 12:29:03 PM First name: James Last name: Loewen Organization: Title: Comments: Dear USDA,

I live in Indiana, and am concerned that the "Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System #65356" is the same old logging plan with some pretty wrapping paper around it. For example, the plan calls for "prescribed burns" even though this part of the country is not prone to fire. Also, logging is not needed to protect and develop old growth forest. It needs to be left alone.

I hope you will listen to arguments on all sides, and not keep doing things the same old way, just because that's the way it was always done. And I certainly hope you will not give undue weight to loggers - of course we need lumber for furniture and houses, but we need to balance priorities, and sometimes we just need to leave nature alone.

Sincerely, James Loewen Goshen Indiana