Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/7/2024 8:12:47 PM First name: David Last name: Wells Organization: Title: Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I would like to see the development of old growth forests primarily in areas that are or will be described as "Forests of Recognized Importance". I do not see these areas over a broad swath of the National Forest but where they were historically, in areas with climactic conditions favorable to long periods between stand replacement disturbance and beyond the historic influence of indigenous peoples.

Forests of Recognized importance is a term used by the American Tree Farm System and similar to the term Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value used by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.