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Comments: We live in a "donut" hole within the Ottawa National Forest. Our property is along the Ontonagon River, classified as "study" under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and the northern corner of our property touches the Ottawa.

We have always been disappointed that of the Ottawa's nearly million acres only a very small portion is managed as old growth. At the Porcupine Wilderness State Park, I have stared in awe at the massive hemlock trees and have seen first hand the biodiversity of the area. We welcome the proposal to manage some of our public lands as old growth.

Our property has been placed under a conservation easement with an approved forest management plan. The northern 80 acres is being managed as old growth. Though we may never see it actually grow to become a mature forest, nor will we see old growth in our national forests, as outlined in this proposal, we are comforted knowing that future generations will.