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Comments: Regarding Comments on Land Management Plan Direction for Old Growth Forest Conditions across the National Forest System #65356:

As a local resident and user of the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania I wish to go on record of opposing this proposal. Each National Forest is unique in many important aspects. While it is true there are common concerns, common standards and guidelines, and common goals for all National Forests - it is not fitting or proper to supersede the local planning and management of each forest by implementing this proposal. The Allegheny National Forest has in place a management plan addressing old growth and mature forest stands. They are not one and the same. Additionally, the forest has specific areas for no management, recreational areas with essentially no management, and some areas designated for timber management. This specific forest lacks significant acres of early successional forest stands which limits the habitat available for early successional wildlife species. It is only with science based sound forest management that the forest can be managed for all users and all conditions. Timber harvesting is a major tool to meet the goals of the forest plan. I strongly encourage the plans for each National Forest be implemented without hamstringing those plans with unnecessary national proposals like the one being considered. Thank you for considering these points.