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Comments: Im just going to cut to the chase as I ultimately don't believe the Forest Service (or any federal entity) truly takes our comments into consideration.

The fact there are some still claiming that old growth forest is not only desirable or a net benefit to wildlife, but that it's also good for the climate or forest fire severity is either completely out of touch with the current science or is outright lying. We have more forests, and specifically, aged out forests across the US landscape than at any point throughout our natural history. Our native grasslands are nearing complete eradication where we have let forest and invasive species encroach on our grasslands. We stopped actively logging our forests so the early successional forests have depleted where many numerous wildlife species are now on the brink of no return.

The fact this proposal made it this far has completely shot any confidence I possibly had that the federal government had any desire to resolve wildlife populations declining, forest fire severity (increases as the age of the forest increases), or saving our truly endangered ecosystem which is our native grasslands.

This is truly troublesome and outright infuriating. It's another scapegoat attempt for the Forest Service to not actually do their jobs which is to MANAGE THE FOREST. Obviously that job becomes easier once you say non management is the new goal of the organization.