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Comments: Imay have commented before but have some additional comments.First,the Forest Service needs to national forests as nature would.Find the Hub trees and mark them,Learn the synergistic shrubs,plants,mushrooms and other flora which interconnect and warn and support each other for immunity,nutrition and enhanced growth.The understory is vastly underappreciated and maintained particularly after canopy closureSelective cut of midlife trees is acceptable to reopen the canopy to light. Selective removal of debris on the floor depends on precipitation and drought and wind.We recently had a wildfire in Bedford Co.that was,in my opinion,poorly managed by the state and the Forest Service.There was obvious poor coordination and inadequate response.I do not know the issues in this regard.I ask the Forest Service in Virginia to support a Forensic Fire Assessment team to determine if arson,careless campfire or tossed cigarette was the cause and publicize in media.Also ask for higher jail time,fines and community service for offenders....the thousands of acres we lost will take 40-60 years to return to pre -burn ecosystem benefit.We can do better.Thanks for your taking these concerns and acting on them.