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Comments: I would like to see funga included in the language of the document alongside flora and fauna, recognizing fungi as a crucial kingdom deserving of the same level of consideration and protection. Fungal health is impacted by rising soil temperatures and compaction and should be included in management objectives. Fungi should be considered as an ally in the need for carbon sequestration in our forests to mitigate the effects of climate change. Brown cuboidal rot holds up to 5x its weight in water and is the key to moisture retention in the Northern Rockies and should be protected.

Wildlife, plants, fungi, and the abiotic elements they all rely on like water make these forest so special and sacred. Preserving the integrity of the ecosystem so biodiversity can thrive is good for the forest and good for the people that rely on it for economic activity, recreation and climate resiliency.