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Comments: Hello,

I think it is critical that the revisions not consider humans as separate and above forest ecosystems, but connected to and equal. I have had the privilege of engaging in plant and mushroom foraging, and especially have fallen in love with finding lion's mane mushrooms on fallen logs of cottonwoods. I feel that mushrooms have much to teach me; about death, resiliency, and cooperation, which lion's mane embodies. Foraging allows me to relate and connect with forest ecosystems in deep ways that expand my knowledge of place and push me to want to protect those spaces.

I wish for the revisions to name fungi alongside fora and fauna as needing protection in the same way as plants and animals. Fungal health is impacted by shifting soil temperatures and should be included in management objectives. Fungi are key in the need for storing and moisture in the fight with climate change.

Thank you for your time and consideration! lan