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Comments: I would like to see added to the plan the specific addition of fungi as a resource to protect and take into consideration the crucial roles/ benefits it adds to our forest. To have it just be generalized as "other" is to not give it the recognition it deserves. It plays a huge role in the ecosystem by providing mychorrizal networks to the trees and other fauna. Its role is literally of a kingdom of its own. We need to protect it so we can continue to study its role in forest health. Please set an example to other national forest by recognizing it in the management plan. Our forest withhold profound amount of knowledge and insight on how to live symbiotically and mushrooms are the one the main contributors to that. Please see the forest value for what it truly is, by acknowledging plants, animals, and Fungi.