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Comments: Alternative 1 offers a viable compromise by employing selective logging techniques, which allows the Forest Service to achieve timber harvesting goals while mitigating these harmful effects. This method supports sustainable forest management by preserving biodiversity and maintaining ecological balance. Clearcutting mature forests on steep slopes can lead to significant environmental challenges, including increased erosion, heightened risk of flooding, and potential for landslides. This practice also threatens endangered species and disrupts carbon sequestration processes, adversely impacting the ecosystem's stability.