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Comments: This serious and well considered effort is a big step forward for the National Forest system. Too often agencies subject to the multiple use doctrine have put commercial interests ahead of forest health. In some cases, old growth ecosystems have been sacrificed for below cost timber sales and ill-defined "salvage sales", adversely affecting many endangered plant and animal species. Once cut, these old growth stands cannot be replicated by plantation plantings. Like Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris they are irreplaceable. Thank you for this much needed pioneering effort which will benefit the current and future American public and improve the health and sustainability of these public lands.