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Comments: I am writing to encourage the USFS to promote active management for all forest lands, regardless of designation. Any weaknesses in policy can lead to further loss of desired forest conditions. Please build strong policies that allow for sound NEPA and rapidly actionable plans. Without this, we will continue to fall short of any maintenance or rehabilitation efforts on national forests.

A hands off approach is a detriment to the conditions that we have allowed to be what they currently are. We can hardly protect our own communities, let alone mature stands outside of the WUI. Layers of obstacles will only diminish the odds of promoting these landscape features.

Without providing the ability to manage existing old forest conditions, you merely tie your hands to maintain them as they currently exist. To hypothesize that more hurdles allow for their maintenance is insanity. There are far too many acres tied up in purgatory to allow any further acreage to fall into the same mess.

Please don't make your job more difficult. The agency is tasked with the management of our nations resource. Any hindrance to sound, quick acting, forest management would be a detriment to the people you serve.