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Comments: I am in support of the Forest Service being able to control undergrowth and invasive species through prescribed burns and by the application of herbicides as needed.

Prescribed burns help clear out much of the dead matter - brush and dead/fallen trees - which, if not cleared out, provide a means for devastating wildfires which not only impacts the forest but also the wildlife in that area.

I am also in favor of selective logging to remove non-native trees and open the forest canopy as needed to help stimulate the growth of native species.