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Comments: I am concerned the proposed rule will inhibit the active management of public forest lands. Forests need all age classes of trees and management by humans to thrive. In the southeast, where I live, local wildlife populations have suffered severely from lack of tree management and harvest on the national forest. In many areas, predators have overwhelmed species, such as deer and turkey, due to lack of younger forest acreage to protect and raise their offspring. Additionally, other species, such as ruffed grouse, require younger forests for their main habitat. Grouse have nearly been extirpated from the southeast due to lack of forest management. Young forests sequester more carbon than old forests on a per acre basis. Finally, logging helps support local economies and trees are the classic renewable resource.