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Comments: Dear USFS

Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Saving what little Old Growth and even what little large hardwoods we have left is critical. USFS forest management policy of large gap and big canopy opening logging is destroying not only Our tiny parcels of Old Growth Oaks and hardwoods but accelerating Maple- Beech dominance in Eastern and Mid West Forests. What little big Hardwoods and Oaks we have that potentially COULD be Old Growth are being logged out!

In Southern Illinois and Indiana this failed forest management policy is called bu the USFS "Let the Sunshine in".

There is now a preponderance of science refuting "Let the Sunshine in" and the USFS needs to examine and incorporate new science into their forest management policies.

My Org Shawnee Natural Area Guardians recommends a moratorium on all Oak and Hardwood logging and re examination of failed forest management policy.

Thank you

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