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Comments: I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Rattail Project which would commercially cut 630 acres of forest in the Six Rivers National Forest.

I'm asking that the Forest Service rethink the proposed plan and consider a less harmful approach that prioritizes conservation of old growth trees, while keeping the canopy cover to at least 60%.

Conservation of old growth? conifer, hardwood trees or mature trees with old-growth characteristics should be of top priority, especially because they are proven to be fire resilient. Preserving old growth trees is also important in order to prevent the release of carbon. If the Rattail project aims to create a road, please reroute the road to avoid the cutting of these old growth trees.

I am also asking you to please increase the canopy cover to at least 60% in the Rattail Project Plan. This alternative would keep flammable vegetation from quickly growing into any cleared spaces, maintain cooler climates for the forest and environment, while diminishing the need for future maintenance. Increasing the canopy cover would also better meet wildlife recovery needs.?

I am urging the Forest Service to consider a less harmful alternative to the Rattail - Trinity Forest Health and Fire-Resilient Rural Communities Project and preserve old growth trees and increase canopy coverage to 60%. I believe these considerations will create a plan that better serves the community and wildlife overall.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Andrea Carcovich