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Comments: Dear US Forest Service, I am writing urge you to strengthen protections in the NOGA for our very few remaining old growth forests. Passive management should be an option to better preserve these forests and the few remaining roadless areas we have left. These forests have enormous economic value that increases each year (ecological, recreational, tourism). I enjoy backpacking and hiking the Pisgah district. Thank you.