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Comments: As written, NOGA fails to allow passive management as a method of preserving or enhancing old-growth characteristics. Although the Forest Service recognizes that a "hands-off" approach can better serve old-growth forests, especially in areas that are not fire-prone, NOGA currently prescribes only active management options.

Solution: NOGA should be amended to include passive management as an option for managing old-growth forests.