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Comments: Part of what makes our Southeastern section of the United States so special is our forests. We have a variety of tree types, and each forest has it's own unique personality, based on the trees within them. The United States Forest service has been entrusted with a stewardship responsibility for these forests, and should incorporate best practice management practices to preserve and maintain them. Although the National Old Growth Amendment was drafted to protect our old growth forests, there is some ambiguity within the document that would allow for damaging interpretation. Please amend the NOGA to include passive, hands-off management techniques for old growth forests that are not fire-prone. Along with that, NOGA should characterize threats to individual forests and prescribe managemnt actions based on forest type and location, since forests across the South do not all have the same needs. Remove the exception that allows for development within our old growth forests (ever!) and add, instead, a clear statement plan for upgrading mature forests to old-growth status so that we continue to increase our forest volume. The current and future health of our nations' human and wildlife populations depend on our forests. Please improve the NOG amendment to make it clearer to implement for the benefit of everyone.