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Comments: Dear U S Forest Service - Throughout the NFs of the US but especially in the Eastern US, the vast majority of forested acres are "teenage" forests, stands too young to retain the ecological characteristics that have typified forests across the millions of years of evolution. The oldest stands are the rarest ones, they are older than the USFS, older than the sciences of forestry or ecology. We know not what we do when we delve and hew, hack and wrack the growing green to quote GM Hopkins. Managers of these stands should be humble and learn from these stands, not cut them down to make more younger forests. Thank you, Mary Kelly, PhD, Ecologist