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Comments: After many years of collaboration with many agencies and multiple user groups, the Pisgah and Nantahala Forest Plan was officially adopted. This new proposal would circumvent the efforts of many. It would also stall work that has been not done for decades in both forests. It is critical for wildlife, natural resources, wildfire protection, tourism, economic development that the plan as is be followed and quickly.

Efforts in the original plan already take into account for old growth protection. This new proposal would add nothing but take away the efforts of so many.