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Comments: While we appreciate the USFW's continued push to better manage our forests, we are concerned that an emphasis on any specific growth stage, such as old growth, ignores the biodiversity and long-term resilience of our forests. Many songbirds, game birds, cold-climate animals, and predators rely on diverse growth stages for everything from shelter to food sources. Diverse age-class forests are critical to a resilient forest, protecting against diseases and other disturbances. They ensure clean water, carbon sequestration, and one of our greatest renewable resources. While we in no way oppose old-growth forests, we oppose an emphasis on an amendment that could negate sound scientific management in the future. We continue to appreciate the USFW service's work toward our national forest systems but hope the organization recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach will be detrimental to the long-term resilience of our forested ecosystems.