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Comments: I worked as a wildlife and fish biologist for over 30 years in the western US working on many habitat projects for fish and wildlife. I appreciate the Forest Service's devotion to healthy ecosystems that sustain fish and wildlife as well as support local communities and economies. Managing for multiple uses is not an easy task.

My comment relates to maintaining a healthy mix of diverse forest types and managing for many different species. I certainly support timber harvesting, especially where it can be used as a tool to provide a diverse mix of habitat for both game and nongame animals. I have seen many forests over the past 20-30 years become more mature and lose their value for providing habitat and would encourage the FS to continue to strive to use tools such as timber harvesting, fire, stream and riparian restoration, and other select tools to improve these forest conditions. I would especially encourage the FS to manage certain areas for early-successional species that require these habitats for migration, breeding, feeding, nesting, and escape cover. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.