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Comments: WNC Communities, who through our Hemlock Restoration Initiative is concerned that the new directive for old growth protection in front of the existing plan, will effectively remove the plan and hinder any work on the US Forest Service National Forests including Pisgah and Nantahala.

We respectfully oppose the new directive (plan) and request USFS reconsider the potential negative impact.

Respectfully submitted.