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Comments: I am writing today to comment on the pending Old-Growth Forest Land Plan. I own several acres of forest land and believe that being good stewards and actively promoting and managing forests and wildlife is a responsibility we have for ourselves and future generations.

I believe that an over emphasis of old growth forest could negatively impact the Forest Service's ability to optimize wildlife habitat, carbon stewardship, resiliency, and biodiversity. Diverse forests are essential for wildlife, clean air, and to support local communities. A combination of young, middle, and old growth forest is key to meet all of these goals.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I actively support the stance of the Rough Grouse Society and many other true conservation groups toward a science based approach to this important issue.

You are welcome to contact me directly with any questions you may have. Let's take a balanced approach to forestry management as we move forward.

Thanks you for listening.

Best regards,

-Dave