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Comments: As a hunter who appreciates the importance of healthy forest habitat, I support the proposed action (Alternative 2) as developed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Alternative 2 directs the national forests toward stewardship, and I urge the USFS to stand by its choice to move in this direction.

Young forest growth is critical for animal, bird, and fish habitat in the places that I hunt, fish, and recreate - importantly, simply following a national objective such as sustaining old growth must not impose a general policy on the many local situations where actions are necessary.

I appreciate the USFS hearing input from hunters and dozens of true conservation groups toward a science-based approach that relies on local knowledge and expertise from people who work and recreate on our national forest lands.