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Comments: To Whom iT may Concern,

As a hunter and a fisherman who enjoys my National Forest here in Ohio as I also do of the many in Colorado and it's neighboring states. I fully support the US Forestry Service need to follow sound science based forest management practices to maintain healthy forests which follows the health of large game and upland species and dovetailing into sound fisheries in these areas as well.

Therefore, I support the proposed action (Alternative 2) as developed by the U.S. Forest Service in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). I urge the USFS to stand by its decision to move in this direction and stand against many of the seemingly simplistic and at times very deceptive narratives apposing restoration of our forests. It is glaringly obvious when hunting on private land forest that has been following sound management practices for the ecosystem by improving the land on a regular basis versus a National forest right next door to the same property. Ability to use the National Forest is greatly impacted by dense cover and other land issues. This cover prohibits the movement of the natural game and predators alike and also drowns out natural food sources. Where as the private forest right next door flourishes with game and is much more stable ecosystem when following science based practices.

Please do not allow those who have little knowledge of forestry management or those that hold a "hands-off" approach and mother nature will provide focus. No longer does nature have all the abilities to take care of itself as it did 200 years ago. It is up to us...the people of the United States who "all" own the National Forests to do our best to maximize the ecosystems to be there best for all species that reside for their benefit and for those who want to pursue legal activities within these boundaries. Factual Science Based Practices are the only way to achieve this today.