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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 even against simplistic and deceptive narratives opposing restoration.

I don't appreciate using our forest for political reasons. Please follow the science. Old growth forest are just one part of the puzzle. Early succession forest are just as important.