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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 even against simplistic and deceptive narratives opposing restoration. Young forest habitat benefits a large number of imperiled species. Some species that are traditionally thought to be 'old growth species' utilize young forest to provide for their young. We need more young forest and active management (including timber sales, prescribed burning, and openings creation).