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Comments: The Southwestern Resource Conservation & Development Council, A 501(c)(3) that focuses on

agricultural conservation, streambank restoration and forestry management believes that the Pisgah and Nantahala forest management plan should be approved as previously negotiated. The new directive for old growth protection will hinder the work of the US Forest Service. Our forests require management to improve the natural resources of our area and forest management should include the huge acreages of old growth.