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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 US Forest Service in the Draft environmental Impact Statement. 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.

Old forest are one of several critical successional stages in healthy ecosystems. Disproportionate emphasis on old growth-- without respect to forest type and in a way the prioritizes them over other forest types-- could hinder the USFS's ability to optimize wild life habitat, carbon stewardship, resilience, and biodiversity.