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Comments: I support the forest service managing for a diverse forest with varying age classes. Old growth forest has it's place on the landscape but should not be managed for preferentially over other habitat types like young successional forest which provide important habitat for many wildlife species. There is an over abundance of middle aged low productivity forests in Wisconsin on the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest that limits wildlife populations. The CNNF is lacking a good diversity of age classes in the forest, I worry an amendment to emphasize old growth will further hinder the ability of USFS to conduct sustainable timber harvest where it is so badly needed.