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Comments: I am CEO of a 30-year-old Asheville-based nature education company specializing in foraging, a.k.a., nontimber forest products (NTFP). The majority of our clientele are visitors here to enjoy the forest. I have also spent considerable time researching a rare native truffle. Like hundreds of other wild edibles in our bioregion, it relies on intact forest systems, and the richest concentrations of these NTFPs are found in old growth forests. I urge the NFS to consider the long-term benefits of old growth forests and to strengthen the NOGA accordingly.