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Comments: Old-growth forests store large amounts of carbon, clean the air we breathe, maintain and increase biodiversity, filter water, and reduce wildfire risks. The old-growth forests of the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests are home to several endangered and threatened species, including four species of endangered bats and the imperiled Blue Ridge lineage of green salamanders.

While NOGA is a step in the right direction, it lacks clarity and includes loopholes that could inadvertently lead to worsened management of our country's old-growth forests. Please strengthen and finalize NOGA so it better meets its objectives.