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Comments: Existing Old Growth Forests and maturing forests, which will become old growth, are vital for the future of our environment, climate change, clean air, carbon storage, water protection and the endangered community of life.

NOGA is a good step toward promoting and protecting these forests, but steps need to be taken to insure that plans allow for some differences within the different parts of the country. Threats to our eastern forests vary somewhat from those of other areas.

Passive management should be the guiding principle for forests covered by the NOGA.