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Comments: The GE American chestnut is a concrete example of the unpredictable risks of GE trees. Even longtime proponents, the American Chestnut Foundation, has strongly denounced the D54/58 GE chestnut stating that its genetic defect makes it unsuitable for restoration purposes, and opposes its deregulation by the USDA:

Restoration of the American chestnut is being accomplished in spite of the attempts to genetically engineer it. Blight resistant 100% wild American chestnuts are already being grown and distributed.

GE trees pose unprecedented, irreversible and unnecessary threats to forests, the Forest Service must ban them from public forests.