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Comments: If limited to the four action alternatives presented, Alternative C is the most appropriate. The LSOG management thresholds for conservation should be at least as restrictive as those in Alternative C.

When considering appropriate management strategies for federally administered forestland, it is vitally important to consider the cumulative condition of all forestlands: private as well as public. For example, in the Oregon coastal mountains where I have lived and worked for 45 years, Siuslaw National Forest land, BLM land and private land are all mixed together. The mitigation efforts to offset environmental damage on federally administered forestlands become, by default, the major effort to offset environmental damage on all forestlands. The level of mitigation for federal forestland in a watershed should therefore be based upon the cumulative needs of all the forestland in the watershed.

The restriction for Matrix lands, "if <15% of federal forest is =80 years within a 5th-field watershed late-successional stands should be retained," should be changed to, "if <15% of all forest within a 5th-field watershed is =80 years, late-successional stands on Matrix lands should be retained,"

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