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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

This comment is in response to your Blooming Rose scoping notice.

Considering the highly fragmented condition of Missouri's broader landscape, I encourage the Mark Twain NF to manage for other values not seen across the overwhelming majority of land in the state that is privately owned.

Thank you for proposing to decommission about 14 miles of existing roads. Please consider decommissioning more of the roads in the area to reduce forest fragmentation and disturbance of wildlife. Any temporary roads created as part of management activities should be adequately closed afterward to prevent off-road vehicle use.

Considering the almost non-existence of old-growth forest on the modern landscape, I encourage you to consider increasing the amount of old growth that will be designated. I hope that the MTNF has a clear way of tracking old-growth designations over long periods of time since these conditions require decades or centuries to develop and should be easily tracked by agency staff and the public.