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Issues in the DEIS (please check the topics you are commenting on)

- ☒ Forest Vegetation ☐ Habitat Diversity ☐ Recreation
☐ Special Areas including Roadless Areas and Wilderness
☐ Other Concerns

Reports indicate that uneven-aged management is more costly and more intrusive than even-aged management. Additionally, even-aged management allows for higher retention of Allegheny Hardwoods, which are the most profitable species for timber harvesting in the Allegheny National Forest.

Therefore, the preferred alternative must emphasize even-aged management to the greatest extent possible in order to cut costs and ensure the proliferation of the most profitable tree species in the Allegheny National Forest. Alternative A proposes a much

higher level of even-aged management than alternative C (92% vs. 60% respectively), and it also de-emphasizes uneven-aged management to a greater extent than alternative C (less than 1% vs. 25% respectively). Therefore, the Proposed Plan must be rescinded and revised so that the preferred alternative allows the benefits associated with even-aged management (as described above) to be exploited.

Moreover, research has shown that, given high deer densities on the Allegheny National Forest, it is simply not possible to implement an uneven-aged management system. Therefore, the Proposed Plan must be rescinded and revised so that uneven-aged management is excluded as a forest management strategy to the greatest extent possible.