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Dear USFS;

My comments have been made on my own time and do not necessarily reflect those of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

I am a fisheries biologist who has done much work on North American stream ecosystems, including assessment of riparian and hydrologic impacts in western-U.S. watersheds. Hence, I support the Unified Federal Policy for Ensuring a Watershed Approach to Federal Land and Resource Management, as long as it allows no water-quality exemptions for logging on federal land. Indeed, sediment, hydrologic, thermal, and other impacts of logging are known to damage habitat for salmonids and other anadromous and resident fishes. A watershed approach recognizes the importance of hydrologic connectivity and migratory corridors for fish and wildlife (Vadas and Weigmann 1993; Vadas 1998).

Sincerely,

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