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How will forest and woodland resources be managed for forest health and to reduce dangerous fuel loads, as well as to provide fish and wildlife habitat and commercial wood products?

The interest in management of forest and woodland resources in the planning area is high, though less than an estimated 10% of the planning area is forested. Local governments, environmental and conservation groups, and timber industry interests as well as tribal groups hold strong opinions about the management actions that should take place in the planning area.

Some major factors and considerations in alternative formulation and estimation of effects will include:

1. age class diversity
2. wildlife security cover
3. urban interface
4. biodiversity/loss of diversity
5. wildlife corridors
6. access and existing roads
7. local economy
8. Tribal treaty uses
9. opportunities for economic activity
10. threatened and endangered species
11. species of special concern
12. Wilderness Study Area constraints