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When developing proposed activities for inclusion into alternatives consideration must be given to the Goals, Objectives and Desired Conditions for each Land Use Designation (LUD). Activities proposed by the public, non-government organizations, government agencies both federal and non-federal, and resource specialist need to conform with the Goals and Objectives for the LUD. In the goals and objectives for the Timber Production LUD, there is no mention of wildlife. In the Desired Condition for the Timber Production LUD, the only reference to wildlife is in the last sentence which states, "A variety of wildlife habitats, predominantly in the early and middle successional stages, are present. LUD Standard and Guideline TIM5 states, "Include integration of other resource objectives, particularly wildlife and vegetative diversity, IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE TIMBER RESOURCE GOALS." (emphasis added) The timber resources goals for the Timber Production LUD are listed on page 3-118 of the December 2016 Forest Plan. Any management practice or proposed management project that decreases the available volume of timber or increases the cost associated with the harvest of the available volume of timber should not be considered or planned for within the Timber Production LUD.

The management proposal(s) for young growth stands contained within Appendix B are not economical due to high operational cost, over a rotation produce wood fiber that will be non-marketable, will extend the amount of time a stand or portions of a stand is in stem exclusion and violates the goals and objectives for the Timber Production LUD. Appendix B should not be included within the POW LLA.