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I am writing to urge the U.S. Forestry Service to maximize the amount of successional forest creation within the Pond Mountain Project in Carter County. Please work to harvest as much forest as possible within this proposal. Please also consider replicating this effort throughout the Cherokee National Forest BEFORE we lose all of our ruffed grouse.

Help save this fragile resource while also improving the forest habitat for all species. TAKE A BIG SWING at this!! There is no down side to clearing more forest for new growth. All wildlife will benefit!

Thank you for this endeavor, and I urge you to PLEASE implement it to the fullest amount possible.

Repectfully,

Bill Ripley, Ed.D.



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