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Hello,

My name is Frederick Sterchi and I am a resident of TN. I'm in support of maximizing and increasing early successional forest within the Pond Mountain Project Area. This type of habitat is not only necessary and required by Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock, but many other insects and animals. There has been, and continues to be, too much overgrowth in the woodlands and forests of Tennessee, suffocating the landscape of needed nutrients and habitat for a multitude of animals. I strongly encourage the USFS to maximize the early successional habitat according to the plan.

Thank you,

Frederick Sterchi