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Keith Kelly,

I am writing to support the Pond Mountain Project on North Cherokee National Forest. Please Move forward to implement and maximize forest management in prescription 8.C and ESH in 4.A and 4.F. I as many others urge the North CNF to follow forest plans to create ESH at all elevations throughout North CNF. It is badly needed here to support ESH dependent wildlife that are currently suffering declines due improper management. In addition, considerations of increasing areas above 1-2 acres should be taken into account as these provide little in support in providing adequate food and protective cover for many ESH dependent species. In essence the small areas subject ESH dependent species to concentrations and high rates of predation. The areas must be larger in scope to achieve success. If ESH dependent species continue to decline and fail, that failure will be the result of lack of proper and prescribed management by the Forest Service. Opportunity awaits. Please move forward quickly as time is not on our side.

regards,
William D. Calfee

