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Comments: I am very much in favor of the ESHC Project which is designed to increase the regenerating age class (0 to 9 years old, which is essential to conserving ruffed grouse and American woodcock) of forested stands on about 17,411 acres over a 15-year period across a large portion of the Manchester Ranger District. The ESHC Project will provide habitat for neotropical migrant songbirds, ruffed grouse, woodcock, and other wildlife species requiring early successional habitats. This kind of habitat is much harder to find as forests, especially in the northeastern United States, age after being allowed to grow back in areas that were previously clear-cut. The proposed project activities, chiefly commercial timber harvests, would create temporary openings in lowland and upland habitats, improve forest health, and support local and regional forest-based economies. The ESHC Project will significantly improve wildlife-dependent recreation on the GMNF, including wildlife observation and upland bird hunting opportunities. I hope that more projects like this one will be undertaken in the future.