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I am writing as both a member of the public (and enthusiastic upland and deer hunter) and as a business leader with an interest in seeing more habitat and hunting opportunities in the region to express my support for the proposed project to create more early successional habitat. As a resident of this area over the past 13 years, I've found it harder and harder to find the sort of areas with the right mix of cover and food to support robust populations of grouse and woodcock. As a deer hunter, knowing that deer thrive in the same sort of areas, with rich browse, I am doubly supportive.

Best regards -Steve

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