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Comments: I applaud the Forest Services plans for the restoration of the short leaf and pitch pine communities, as well as the addition of 500 acres of designated old growth forest.
Changes I'd like to see in the Pine Creek Restoration project includes expansion of old growth forest protection and to abandoning the proposed shelterwood harvests and instead manage for early seral habitat and oak regeneration in the following ways: manage the nearly 5,000 acres of forests harvested in the project area since 1980, support the existing proposal for 980 acres of commercial and non-commercial management to restore fire-adapted woodland community types, support variable thinning along certain roadsides to create early seral and edge habitat and support rare species on 280 acres, and consider uneven-aged management with small group selection using expanding gap or femelschlag prescriptions where the above approaches aren't sufficient.