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Comments: I support this project as it will help diversify the age class of trees in the Jefferson National Forest and create successional habitat. Increased successional habitat is greatly needed for the health of various species native to Virginia, including several species of concern whose populations have dramatically declined due to the aging of forests in Virginia.

This project will also help the National Forest Service fulfill its goal of increasing the percentage of forest in early successional habitat in the Jefferson National Forest, which to date, the Forest Service has not yet been able to achieve.