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The Virginia Bear Hunters Association definitely supports the Pedlar River Vegetation Project. Previous forest plans have had four objectives which are to be used to measure how well management actions achieve the goals and desired conditions for forest management. These four primary objectives are:

1. Maintain a minimum of ten percent of the prescription area in early successional forest habitat.
2. Maintain a minimum of ten percent of the area in late-successional or old growth forest conditions.
3. Maintain up to 2 percent in early successional forest habitat conditions in openings 2 to 5 acres in size.
4. Maintain an open road density at or below 1.5 miles per square mile of National Forest System roads.

The National Forest needs work done responsibly to promote the above goals and this project seems to address those concern quite adequately.. Anything that can be done to compliment and promote the health and welfare of the forests we have been blessed with has the VBHA's continued support and wishes for success.

Once again we appreciate the opportunity to comment and be involved in this process.

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