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Comments: District Ranger Mary Yonce,

I am writing in support of the Sandy Ridge Yellow Pine Enhancement Project. As a Ruffed Grouse Society volunteer, I am particularly interested in Ruffed Grouse habitat and am encouraged to see the intention to increase Early Successional Habitat to 6% of the project area. I also am pleased to see the wildlife habitat improvements listed and would ask you to consider the temporary roads as linear habitat strips, in addition to the wildlife clearings.

I support and encourage the yellow pine/ short leaf pine restoration research that is proposed to re-establish mixed pine/hardwood stands in this area and look forward to hearing about what is learned. I am also encouraged to see the production of forest products as a goal, as that should benefit the local economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Tom Pratley