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Comments on the Pedlar River North Project
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Dear Sirs,

I want to submit my support for this project. I also would like to applaud the Glenwood-Pedlar district staff for working for active Forest management! I am a member of Piney River Gun and Rod Club. Our family cabins and Club was established in this area starting in 1935. We have seen the forest in it's infancy to today. In that time we have witnessed a vibrant forest grow and change. The Forest through the early 80s was managed actively. Forest products were harvested, infrastructure was improved and the forest was a economic booster for the community. Wildlife thrived. Populations of not only game species but non game animals and birds to reptiles varied year to year but were generally on the increase as was diversity. Then leading forward we saw active management decrease and virtually stop in the 90s. We have watch the forest go from a community of habitats to a single house of mature forest. Openings disappeared. Early Successional Habitat was lost and an even age forest is now the norm. We have been witness to the decline in diversity and abundance.

The forest was dedicated " Sound forest management for forest? production, habitat, conservation and for "the benefit of man and sustainability for future generations". This project hopefully is a start to return to this mission. My only criticism of this and most projects is that they are too limited. The Forest Plan sets a goal of 10% ESH. How will we reach this goal Forest wide and if we do not approach it in even in the small projects proposed now. We need more regeneration to restore the health of the ecosystem and wildlife. I believe the best way to do this is with greater quse of coppice with reserves. No other treatment creates the even age habitat that is in the least abundance in the forest.

Thank for your hard work. We support your efforts In this project.