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Comments: I write on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Virginia State Leadership Team to support white pine management across the GWJEFF as outlined in Scoping for #58928. Opening up or converting white pine plantations, and natural growth outside the Forest Plans' desired conditions, will restore species, age-class and structural diversity and enhance wildlife habitat. During implementation please consider enhancing white oak, hickory and soft mast (*Vaccinium* sp) to the largest degree possible. It is good to see restorative action proposed across the GWJEFF. Thanks for the opportunity to comment and please keep us in the loop.