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Comments: The proposed Upper Cheat River Project is a great opportunity to improve the forest ecosystem and will bring a much needed improvement in the balance of plant species and the wildlife that depend on a biodiverse forest for their survival. As a WV resident I have witnessed an unacceptable loss in diverse forest habitat and subsequent plummet in wildlife numbers that depend on it. Early successional growth through active forest management is the answer and is much needed. This is a very sound forestry science based plan. I am sending this message to offer my full support and approval for this project. Thank you for your work and persistence in monitoring and improving our forest to ensure the survival of the insects, reptiles, birds and animals that depend on these efforts.