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Comments: Having hiked in the Big Ivy area for the past 15 years, I am very aware that this is a truly special place. As a biologist, I also understand the desire to restore a more diverse age structure to forests that were cut 100 years ago. However, there are some places that simply should be left alone. Big Ivy is one of them. Every time a proposal comes up to "manage" this area, it has strong public opposition. It is past time to give Big Ivy the permanent protection that it deserves.