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Comments: Ranger Christensen,

I am writing in support of the EDRD White Pine Removal Project. I believe this is a win-win situation- restoring forest health by removing old, planted white pine in favor of hardwoods and yellow pines more suitable to the sites, while creating early successional habitat and forest products.

As a habitat volunteer with the Ruffed Grouse Society, I hope this management project will create/restore habitat for Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock (birds whose numbers have declined across their range), and other early successional dependent species. I encourage you to use the maximum level of management allowed in the 8E1 Ruffed Grouse/Woodcock Habitat Emphasis Area, as suitable to the site. This could include the high end of the ESH percentage allowed, attention to potential woodcock habitat and planting of forbs/legumes/shrubs/trees, with value to wildlife, on log landings, skid trails, temporary roads, etc. I also encourage similar management practices be used in areas under other management prescriptions, where appropriate.

Thank you for considering my comments,
Tom Pratley