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Comments: I wholeheartedly support and applaud the Forest Service's efforts to implement this project that will improve forest composition, forest health, resiliency, and wildlife habitat while increasing recreational opportunities for Forest users. The forest management practices prescribed in the project will benefit numerous wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) as described in Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan.

Additionally, many of VA's game species will benefit from this project which should increase hunter participation in this area of the Forest. While there is much more to be done, thank you for developing such projects to move the Forest to the desired condition. Keep up the great work!