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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Archer Knob Project #61252. Like many National Forest area, they are long overdue for habitat renewal. Grouse populations have been declining steadily for decades and the National Forests need to be better managed.

I used to hunt grouse in Indiana, which now has closed the season due to declining number and the trend is being seen all over the ruffed grouse range. Areas like Wisconsin, N. Michigan and Maine have done very well in maintaining their habitat. The Washington and Jefferson forests should look at the management practices of these locations.

I am old enough to remember seeing grouse fairly regularly on hunts, to now seeing them "maybe" when I hunt in the Buffalo Gap vicinity. Please work on this are to improve habitat and reduce potential wildfire fuel.

Thank you and regards,

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