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Comments: Considerable work was put into the 2022 Revised Forest Plan to meet objectives for the health of the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forest and the wildlife that use it. I would like to see the GAP project increase the prescribed commercially harvested timber to match that of the revised forest plan. Currently the level of planned timber harvest is only a fraction of what it ought to be, and I am concerned that the focus on this new GAP project will take resources away from meeting the objectives of the 2022 Revised Forest Plan that so many stakeholders worked to help create.

I strongly urge you to revise the GAP project proposal to meet the objectives of the forest plan with regard to commercial harvest.

In short, please help our early successional wildlife. Populations have declined significantly over the past 3 decades, and it can be tied directly to insufficient and poor forest management that favors mature forest over young forest that is so critical to many wildlife species. Insufficient logging is creating a landscape with sterile habitat. Don't let that happen on your watch.