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Comments: Dear Sirs,

I am writing concerning the proposed Archer Knob Project #61252. I am a 40 year resident of Augusta County, VA. For the past 25 years I have been a grouse hunter and member of The Ruffed Grouse Society. I appreciate having this opportunity to provide comments on this proposed project.

I hunted the Archer's Knob area frequently 25 years ago. The grouse hunting was excellent then. In fact, one day, I had 33 grouse flushes. Excellent habitat existed due to the logging practices employed by the Forest Service, and this led to the wonderful grouse hunting.

Sadly this area has seen a decline in grouse numbers due to poor habitat. It has gotten to the point where it is extremely rare to even hear or see a grouse.

The Archer's Knob project is sorely needed and would make a difference in establishing habitat which would be conducive to grouse populations. I am heartily supportive of this project and respectfully request it be approved as it will create a healthier forest benefitting plants, wildlife and recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,
Richard Mansfield