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Comments: I have enjoyed the Nantahala Forest for 40 years. I started turkey hunting there in 1982 and have enjoyed hiking the many trails. I think the forest needs to be managed just like crops on a farm.

Managing the forest by harvesting the timber to allow new growth is both beneficial to the land, trees, and wildlife. The ruffed grouse and many wildlife species depend on new growth forest for food and shelter. If the timber is managed properly by harvesting, it will benefit all of us.