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Comments: I am a avid grouse hunter, lived in Western North Carolina all my life. I think there needs to be a much greater focus on timber cut. Seems our forest is no longer here for the hunters, that we may enjoy the sport of grouse hunting that I love so much. I was told that North Carolina only cared about big game, I have four grandsons and a grand daughter that I would love to se them get to enjoy grouse hunting the way I did as a young boy. I took a friend on the Pisgah National Forest last year where I hunted as a boy, I averaged over 20 birds or flushes per day at that time. We walked all day, saw a lot of big timber, only one set of deer tracks, no grouse. So I believe (know), what is being done is not even close to what we need. It's time to get out of the office and work for we the people, rather than this groups that don't even hunt. You have a chance to do what's right, for all the wildlife, hunter's, etc. My grandsons may never get to enjoy this sport due to the decisions that are being made. Do what right, cut, cut, lots of timber please.

PS I go to Wisconsin every year where grouse are thriving due to the habitat that they have, cut the timber in large block's, see the wildlife thrive.

Thanks Myron Coates