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Comments: I am writing in support of this project and the amazing work that our foresters do to help us preserve habitat for the good of our state. As an avid environmentalist and upland hunter, I understand that diversity is very important. Different types of habitat are needed to support a wide variety of species. Some species, for example, grouse, white-tail deer, rabbits, and turkey, need early successional forests to thrive. We have so much mature forest in the state that I am concerned that if we don't allow for creation of a wider variety of habitats, we will lose or see further reduction in wildlife numbers, making this state much less attractive to visit and live in --- this will impact our state economy in the long run.