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Comments: This is a positive move in the right direction of forest managements after 2 Decades of improper management of the DBNF.

We are seeing a dynamic shift of wildlife species and invasive species directly related to the hands-off approach the Forest Service has taken in the past.

Not using sound science has created massive problems within this vital resource. The Grouse habitat loss is directly related to the suspension of forest harvesting, which has depleted the undergrowth necessary for grouse and other vital species.

We now have a fully mature forest with equal canopy which is a recipe for disaster. The Forest Service has failed in its own guidelines to harvest the percentages yearly due to red tape or other motives.

It is well documented that a young multistage canopy forest is the healthiest forests. Currently we have a fuel load on the forest floor that are creating very hot forest fires weakening an already forest of disease and insects.

Programs such as the Ruffed Grouse Habitat Enhancement Project #64521 is a logical first step in forest restoration. Please continue this type of approach and adhere to the original charter of the National Forests.

Respectfully,

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