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Comments: This is just a disguise for CLEAR-CUTTING FOR PROFIT!!!

Anyone with a little knowledge about woodland habitats OR the game bird in question would know that the decline in populations of Ruffed Grouse is largely due to West Nile virus and hunting. The Forestry Service plans on destroying old-growth forests (FOR PROFIT... yes, they are SELLING the highly valuable white oak, don't be fooled!) by pulling a "categorical exclusion," which allows them to avoid completing an Environmental Assessment, with a novel management approach called "condition-based management" where the agency leaves decisions about where and how much logging will occur until AFTER the project is approved. This conveniently sidesteps important checkpoints and essentially gives the Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society (its stewardship partner... \$\$\$\$) the green light to log wherever, whenever, and how much they want in the 5,000-acre project area, and using "conservation" to justify this open-ended commercial logging project!!!