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Comments: I am in support of this project. Diverse forest habitat of varying ages help support so many species of animals that are otherwise being pushed out of their respective homes due to human interference. Projects like this help ensure animals, that are on the general decline overall as of now, have healthy thriving forests to reproduce in. Along with the animal connection, diverse young forests with high stem counts help offset the carbon footprint of man and convert oxygen far better. Finally taking a lesson from our northern neighbors in Canada, unmaintained overgrown forest poses a serious fire risk that ultimately will displace both humans and animals if left unchecked. Projects like this are beneficial to both humans and animals, providing better habitat for wild species as well as great opportunity for outdoor recreation that the state can ultimately benefit from financially.