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Comments: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment- I strongly support alternative B- Growing up and spending a large portion of my life (45 years) roaming around the national forest I am amazed at how poor the habitat is at this time. Many species that depend upon horizontal and vertical forest structure are mainly absent from the forest at this time. Many songbirds that require a diversity of habitats are either absent or at very low numbers due to lack of forest management selecting alternative B will help these species rebound and recolonize much of project area.

Hunting on public lands is more important now than ever with all of the development and posting of private lands, unfortunately populations of game species such as ruffed grouse, woodcock, snowshoe hare, moose and deer are very low throughout this project area. Again, this is due to lack of management, this project selecting alternative B will help provide critical habitats for everything from tiny chestnut sided warblers to moose. Please select Alternative B for Vermont's declining early successional species!