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Comments: Dear District Ranger Kevin Kyle,

I am writing in support of the Dunlap Creek Management Project. I am very interested in the creation/enhancement of early successional habitat for wildlife, particularly Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock, as well as others species. I believe the following, from the project scoping letter, summarizes well what I hope will be achieved by this project.

"The proposed action will allow for expansion of early successional habitat and late open conditions as outlined in the Forest plan. The project area is comprised primarily of stands with late successional closed-canopy structure and there is currently very limited acreage within the early or late open forest canopy conditions in the project area. There are also very few existing wildlife openings in the entire project area."

In addition to wildlife benefits, I hope the project efforts would promote forest health and support the local timber economy.

In the interest of creating and enhancing wildlife habitat, and balancing the age classes on the Forest, I encourage you to maximize the creation of Early Successional Habitat on the project, while understanding your need to work within the parameters of the Forest Plan.

Sincerely,

Tom Pratley