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Comments: Hello!

My name is Tristan Moorehead. I am a forester-arborist/wildlife biologist in the state of KY. I am commenting on the Jellico Project.

I want to use my comment as an opportunity to support the project. I believe that a project like this is instrumental in keeping our forests healthy. As we all know many of our forests are aging out. Creating sub-par habitat for many species such as grouse and turkey! With this timber project early successional habitat can be created allowing prime habitat for many species for years to come. This also provides an opportunity for outdoorsmen and women to pursue game birds such as grouse in this area.

This project can also improve fire resistance as it can reduce the fuel load in these areas allowing the forest service to better manage these areas for years to come.

Overall a project like this game benefit many game and non-game species from grouse to pollinators. It also builds up habitat that is naturally fire resistant or at least lowering the fuel load by removing old trees that are in decline.