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Comments: District Ranger Casey,

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Council would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Lickstone Project. Our council has participated thru out this projects progression, including on site field trips. We are in full support of this project and appreciate you and your teams work on the completed study's. We feel this project is critical for wildlife and its habitat considering it is basically an island surrounded by hands off National Forest and watershed area's. While Cold Mountain Game Lands do offer some diversity for young forest, the higher elevation of the Lickstone Project makes this a valuable asset for wildlife improvements. We want to stress the need to maintain the amount of young forest listed in the project. Often we see young forest habitat cut from projects without replacing or relocating that age class within the project area . This can not happen on the Lickstone project as mentioned above the lack of surrounding opportunities. . We also support any tier 2 opportunities that might move this project forward at a faster rate, including daylighting roads , wildlife fields and seeding of roads and landings. We look forward to seeing this project implemented .