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Comments: Dear Ranger Stull,

I am writing in support of the Jennings Creek Watershed Project #66431. I support the proposed management activities to create early successional habitat and balance age classes for wildlife and forest health.

Newly cut timber stands are the basis of creating early successional habitat(ESH). According to the tables provided in the scoping notice, there are no acres of zero to ten year old stands in the Management Prescription Areas 8B (Early Successional Habitat) and 8E1 (Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Habitat), the areas that you would most expect to have ESH.

Proposed management activities, including regeneration timbering, thinning, prescribed burns and specific wildlife habitat creation measures (wildlife openings, log landing and logging road restoration) should help balance age classes and provide habitat for early successional dependent species, including the Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock, as well as many others.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Tom Pratley