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Comments: Dear Ranger Yonce,

I am writing in support of the Mad Lick Resiliency and Restoration Project #66558. I support the proposed management activities to create early successional habitat, balance age classes for wildlife and forest health, and move the project area toward desired conditions under the Forest Plan.

Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock are experiencing population declines and with grouse in particular, are declining in numbers and range in Virginia.

Proposed management activities, including regeneration timbering, thinning and prescribed burns should help balance age classes and provide habitat for the Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock, as well as many other species that are dependent on early successional habitat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Tom Pratley