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Response to U.S. Forest Service Red Spruce Restoration Project

In careful review and consideration of the USFS proposed plan for red spruce restoration across appropriate sites in national forests in the central and southern Appalachians, the West Virginia Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers executive and advisory board expresses an overwhelming sentiment of support.

Opportunities to increase forest type diversity in West Virginia and restore historic ecosystems that have been impacted by human exploitation speaks to one of BHA's core tenets. Since its inception in 2004, BHA has valued the traditions and heritage our wild lands, waters and wildlife make possible, and we are driven to protect wild places.

Returning the red spruce forests to some greater semblance of its former glory atop the Appalachian High Country, within those lands held in public trust, is worthy of support from all Americans who appreciate and seek out intact ecosystems and the astonishing biodiversity contained within.

WV BHA is proud to voice its support for this endeavor. Please feel free to reach out to us for any volunteer support.

Sincerely,

Mark Tonkin

"Vice Chair, West Virginia Backcountry Hunters & Anglers"