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Comments: Please manage the property that the forest oversees based on scientific data and not the emotions of the public. As a citizen that hunts only public land it is important to me when visiting these properties that I'm not only able to see the birds that I'm chasing, but all of the other wildlife that may be using the same habitat. Diversity is so much healthier when it comes to our animals like deer. With a mixed age stand you will bring more forage to the ground for these species as well as different birds that will be migrating through the area. A lot of people I know that hunt the older growth forests say they never really find anything or they can hunt all season and not see anything. It is our responsibility to manage these lands to the best of our ability to allow all of these species to thrive and not just go off the emotions of people that don't want to see trees cut because they don't understand.