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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As an active outdoorsman who enjoys both fishing and upland bird hunting, I strongly encourage the management of national forest properties be directed by biologists and forestry professionals tax payers employ for the purpose of creating sustainable, multi-use environments for citizens of the United States. It is well documented that early successional forests serve as critical habitat for many wildlife species. National forests are becoming sterile deserts of aging trees that shade out understory needed by many species for food, reproduction, and shelter. Natural clearings once created by forest fires are nearly nonexistent, and many species such as ruffed grouse have nearly disappeared. Let the biologists and forestry professionals we employ direct the management and policy for our national forests!

Respectfully,

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