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Comments: I am currently 62 years old and have enjoyed hunting and recreation in the Hoosier National Forest since I was a teenager. I moved from Indianapolis to border the forest several years ago since I spend much of my time in the forest. I know first hand what the Grouse populations were at one time in this forest. However the National Forest management has failed in their mission to maintain a healthy diverse and balanced forest supporting a variety of different growth stages. The result is we no longer have a sustainable Grouse population and from my time in the woods during drumming season and thru-out the year we do not have any Grouse in my area. The Charles Deam Wilderness Area is a large tract in my area and it is my understanding that no Logging or other man made disturbances can be performed in this area. Therefore this is a large section of Old Growth that is already protected. Subsequently other areas of the forest should be experiencing forestry practices that provide new growth and young forest situations for the wildlife and people to experience. It is very sad knowing what populations the forest supported at one time but no longer supports due to the mismanagement or lack of management for this resource.