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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I fully support everything in the proposal and implementation of the "Stearns Ruffed Grouse Habitat Management" plan. Ruffed grouse are a critical species to advocate for when it comes to forest management. They are, you could say, a bellwether of the forest's health. In Kentucky and the Appalachian Region as a whole, ruffed grouse are experiencing severe declines compared to numbers just a few decades ago. A lack of forest age class diversity is undoubtedly the primary driver of this. Once again, I fully support the plans and implementation of this proposal. The flush of a ruffed grouse in the fall and his drumming in the spring can be commonplace again in the land of Daniel Boone.

Thank you,

James Lynton