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Comments: I am writing to express support of  the One Mile Lonesome Ridge Vegetation Management Project and thank the White Mountain National Forest for its efforts to promote healthy forests and diverse habitat conditions for the widest range of wildlife species. I have been a Certified Wildlife Biologist for 40 years, including as a biologist for the Forest Service in the aspen ecosystem where decisions like this are much easier. In this space of time I have seen the negative effect on wildlife populations from the loss of early succession habitat. Indeed, early succession forest is the most endangered type in New England and every effort should be made to promote its creation and as importantly, it's maintenance. Wildlife species diversity and uneven age forest management go hand in hand. These management practices have both my and the Wildlife Society's enthusiastic endorsement. And all of this is not even to mention the increased risk of catastrophic unintentional fire.
It is my hope that the WMNF succeeds in its effort to recognize this need and lead efforts to reverse this regional need. I am willing to appear in public and reitterate these endorsements.