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Comments: I am in strong favor of science based management of Ruffed Grouse habitat.

Our country as a whole has a misunderstanding of what 'old growth' actually constitutes and believe projects such as this are damaging to old growth systems. In old growth systems large trees die or are damaged in storms and open sections of canopy for new growth and habitat diversity spatially and temporally. We have very little to no actual old growth left in Kentucky so we do not have a natural means of replacing that habitat diversity.

Projects like this aim to fill the habitat diversity requirements of many species, not just ruffed grouse, by providing early successional habitat that in time ages into other habitat types.