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Comments: To Whom It may Concern:

I want to have my comments to the proposed Grouse habitat management in the Stearns District of the Daniel Boone National Forest.

This project will affect plants in the forest which may be rare species. Before these plants may be destroyed and lost, there needs to be a survey of plants, and adjustments made in the existing management plan is necessary which would include overstory protection for future old grown forest trees to succeed. This project must comply with the National Old Grown Amendment which provides protection in future and existing old growth forest trees.

The existing Forest Plan was revised in 2004 and it therefore out of date. The new National Old Grown Amendment was not in existence at that time. A new plan, preferably not just revised, is needed to insure it is properly aligned with the latest science, rules and policies that exist today.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and I sincerely hope substantial changes are made to the proposed Grouse Management plan.