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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I strongly support the proposed Sugar Mountain Project. Ruffed grouse, are a strong indicator of a healthy forest. The Cherokee has been below 1/10th of 1% with ESH. Grouse and many other ESH dependent species are becoming nonexistent, due to the lack of proper forest management.

Please consider as much mechanical means as possible with leaving as little basal area as possible. The more work that can be accomplished in the Cove type and Northern Hardwood areas above 3000' the better.

Also, the removal of non-native invasive species should be a prerequisite.