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Comments: As a local resident, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements to the Miller Ridge Dry Forest in the Tellico Plains area. I am pleased to see that this project includes both habitat enhancement and forest road improvements.

I would like to specifically address the condition of Bunker Road, which connects Rafter Road to Citico Creek Road. This road is currently in very poor condition and is often only safely passable by four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of this road is important to local hunters, outdoorsmen, and others who regularly access and recreate in this area. As part of the proposed work, the addition of several designated turnaround areas would also greatly improve safety and accessibility.

I am also encouraged by the project's focus on improving wildlife habitat, particularly for turkey and bear populations. With the increasing presence of wild hogs in the area, improving the health and regeneration of oak stands will help provide a more reliable and sustainable food source for native wildlife species.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input and for your continued efforts to responsibly manage and improve our public lands.

Respectfully,
Autumn Powell