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Please comment on Marshall Creek WMA Log Deck Removal

Removing the dead standing timber to reduce bug infestation and have it become a productive resource at a lumber mill seems like a win win. It might even reduce lumber prices and help alleviate our housing shortages!

#2

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Q2

Please comment on Marshall Creek WMA Log Deck Removal

Dear sirs, thank you for considering my thoughts. Please do not remove the dead trees from the Marshall Creek WMA! These trees will add so much to the area. They will contribute greatly to bird species, rodents, predators, etc. The logs will decompose and nurture, the soil and subsequently a new forest. When they fall, they will insulate the ground from freeze thaw cycles. When their bark pops away from the standing tree a bit, it provides bat roosting sites. The standing trees shade the forest floor, and provide roosting spots for raptors, as well as woodpeckers and other fly catching birds . The rotting logs will hold moisture for the forest that will naturally develop under the shade of remaining trees. If the logs are removed, invasive, weed species will follow. The forest trying to regenerate will not have the valuable mulch of rotting organic material surrounding them. If the logs are removed, countless birds species will be left without potential homes. Bird species are down by alarming numbers in the last 50 years. If this snag forest is removed, the soil will be robbed of the addition of a huge quantity of organic material that could have carpeted the floor of a new and burgeoning forest. there is no reason to do this project. There is no ecological reason to do it. The new forest will be more fire resistant if the logs are left in place to keep moisture levels up . bark beetles are a native species and are incredibly important to wildlife, from woodpeckers to rodents to the Raptors that feed on those species. So basically, I'm saying that the idea of removing these logs legally so that somebody doesn't come in to do it illegally and to prevent an outbreak of bark beetles that are so ecologically important to so many wildlife species seems insane! thank you very much for considering my thoughts and please make the right decision. Sincerely Andy Roubik.
