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Thank you for considering these comments on the Piquett Creek Project.

One thing I don't see addressed is what I will call negative effects to the understory plant community portion of the overall biodiversity of the area. In particular the potential increase of weedy and invasive species at the expense of native plants.

Into the design for this project and the obvious need for ongoing projects of this type we need to incorporate measures to retain soil moisture and minimize the size patches of soil disturbance and open seeds beds, especially on south aspects and dry sites.

How can we do this? Your the specialists, figure it out, right?

One suggestion I have is minimizing the size of slash piles on log landings.

Another is to chip and mulch, or chip and haul the chips from log landings.

A third idea is to leave a relatively denser tree spacing on south slopes.

Four - Replant larger log landings with native plants.

These suggestions will help move this project from good, to state off art forestry.

Sincerely,

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