

JELICO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT COMMENT FORM

Instructions:

Comments are due December 5, 2022

Communications from the public regarding this project, including commenters' names and contact information, will become part of the public record. Comments, including anonymous comments, will be accepted at any time. However, comments posted after the close of a designated comment period may not be able to be given full consideration. Anonymous comments and comments submitted after the close of the final designated comment period will not provide the commenter standing for administrative review. Comments, or in some cases other expressions of interest, along with respondent's contact information, submitted during the comment period may be necessary to establish a respondent's eligibility to participate in an administrative review for this proposed action. Interested members of the public should review the proposal's information to determine the applicable administrative review process and the eligibility requirements for that process.

Comments can be submitted as follows:

- Using this form
- Electronically by email to: SM.FS.r8dbstecom@usda.gov
- On the project website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63037>
- Mail or in person to: Stearns Ranger District, 3320 Highway 27 N, Whitley City, KY 42653.
- Facsimile to 606-376-3734.
- Call 606-376-5323 and receptionist will connect you with someone who will document your comments.

Please provide the following information as part of your comments:

1. Name, address, phone number, email address, and organization (if applicable);
2. Title of the Project: Jellico Vegetation Management Project;
3. Specific facts and relevant rationale you feel should be considered, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision; Comments in response to this proposal should focus on 1) the proposal; 2) issues or impacts from the proposal; and 3) possible alternatives for addressing issues associated with the proposal that would still meet the specific needs identified;
4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request.

To comment using this form please provide the following information (anonymous comments will also be accepted):

NAME:

DAVID COOPER

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

ORGANIZATION (if applicable):

SICMA CLUB / KENTUCKY HARTWOOD

COMMENTS (continue on back, as needed):

1. LOGGING ON STEEP SLOPES CAUSES EROSION AND WILL IMPACT STREAMS IN THE DBNF, IMPACTING RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES. THERE IS NO WAY TO MITIGATE THIS EROSION AND LANDSLIDES WHEN THE SLOPES ARE SO STEEP.

2. FLOODING IN CERTAIN KY THIS SUMMER SHOWS IMPORTANCE

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OF MAINTAINING TREE COVER - TREES CAN ABSORB UP TO 75% OF RAINFALL

3. MORE SHOULD BE DONE IN DENICO AREA TO PROMOTE LOW-IMPACT TOURISM, SUCH AS HIKING TRAILS, MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS. CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AREA DOESN'T HAVE MORE TRAILS WHEN OTHER AREAS OF THE DENICO ARE BECOMING OVER-USED, SUCH AS THE RED RIVER GORGE AREA

4. CLIMATE CHANGE - OUR TREES STORE CARBON. IT IS BECOMING MORE CLEAR THAT KENTUCKY IS WELL-SITUATED TO HELP PROTECT FORESTS WHICH MAY BE LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO WILD FIRES COMPARED TO ARID ~~WEST~~ WESTERN STATES. CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE DEFINING ISSUE OF OUR TIMES, WE MUST NOT IGNORE IT ANY LONGER IN KY

5. CONCERNED THAT MUCH OF THE LOGS PRODUCED WILL BE USED FOR PALLETS; A WASTEFUL PRODUCT WHICH CAN BE MADE FROM OTHER MATERIALS INCLUDING STEEL AND PLASTIC

OR COMPOST

