

Notice of Objection filed pursuant to Title 36 CFR Part 218;

RE: Jellico Vegetation Management; Sterns Ranger District;

Attn: H. Scott Ray, Forest Supervisor

I object based on the following issues:

1. Landslides/steep slopes: The Forest Service should re-examine the report provided by expert geologist Bill Haneburg and improve the decision to exclude logging on steep, landslide prone slopes outline by Haneburg and Kentucky Heartwood.
2. Endangered species: modify the logging plans to prevent impacts to endangered species in Jellico Creek, including the restriction of logging above and adjacent to the creek.
3. Prevalence of culturally relevant plants; modify the decision to assess the habitat impacts to the culturally relevant, herbaceous plants that require deep shade and mature forests
4. Economic analysis: the Forest Service did not consider the full economic impacts, including a cost benefit assessment of a 40 year logging project vs. climate benefits of not logging vs. loss of recreation potential. Decision may be improved by considering the information provided in Kentucky Heartwood's economic analysis and the previously provided input from the local community.
5. Invasive species: The Forest Service has not provided a realistic plan for invasive species management; modify the decision to acknowledge the extensive impact of logging on invasive species and the associated challenges with oak regeneration. Explain how this logging project will be different from former logging projects that have not successfully regenerated oak and have led to rampant tree of heaven infestation.

The draft decision did not consider comments previously provided and appears to have not modified the proposal at all based on public feedback.

Respectfully submitted for the forest,

Lauren Kallmeyer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Kallmeyer', with a stylized, flowing script.