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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns with the Pine Creek Restoration Project (#52341). Specifically, I have great concerns with regard to the logging proposals.

This is an area that houses great beauty that is becoming harder and harder to come by in our modern world. Continued logging, mining, and other practices have left us with very few wild places. The proposals to clear cut some of these areas will negatively impact the beauty and, quite potentially, the ecology of the areas for many generations to come. As it is, the remnants of early logging are already apparent throughout the entire Daniel Boone National Forest.

I have personally spent a great deal of time exploring these areas and photographing the beauty contained within them. Tucked away in this little corner of Kentucky is a myriad of waterfalls, arches, and older growth trees that are truly rare to come across in the state. Having had the chance to experience these places has had a tremendous impact on myself. This same impact could be had by many more generations of people if the area is left to flourish in its natural state.

One of the forefront goals of the U.S. Forest Service is to protect and preserve the natural areas under their control. To do this, they need the support of the community at large. How is a community supposed to support these efforts when one of the areas of the most natural beauty is destroyed by a logging project? I urge the USFS to reconsider its plans for the logging in this area.

I have included a small selection of some of my photographs of this amazing area to illustrate some of the beauty it contains. This is just a small slice of what there is to see.