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Comments: I have so many thoughts and questions on this project. The list of concerns just keep growing tho, I have to ask why now? We are in a down time for our local loggers with the Chip Mills being shit down. This is not the most profitable time to be logging for anyone especially being that Ohio is the closest mill for selling weigh wood! Why are we not adding in any plans to reseed with our native trees instead of trading off all our Species of Oaks and Maples to be replaced by damaging fast growing nuisance trees and bushes. It's upsetting to hear someone say that the forest needs us and I say us because I am a logger, to help keep it thriving. Than turn around and say that there isn't a plan for replanting. That whole scenario just seems off! I know there's a bunch of comments that probably state the same agenda but please consider the mental health aspect of the people in our area that instead of running to a clinical doctor for meds and help, they choose to go to the mountains to find peace and have a safe place to collect their thoughts. I myself have found life beating down on my mind and body, but within a few hours of going to the mountains and being alone with nothing but the sounds of nature, found the energy to get back up and keep fighting. The ones of us that oppose this have many different view points on why, political affiliation, religious backgrounds, life in general, but the thoughts of seeing our land riddled has united us, no matter our lifestyle or background. Alternative 1 is definitely better than the first proposal but it's still not a win for the land or the community. Our people pay taxes on this land for our use but we are still gonna have to suffer the consequences of logging no matter how it is done. We lose beauty and a place of refugee, just for the all mighty dollar. Just think back to your childhood on the memories that can't be replaced nor would you take any amount of money to have not lived them. That's what our mountains has given many of us in our community. Cherished memories of loved one past and a place where the world seems to move a lot slower. That's just a small example of what those mountains mean to me and a lot of other folks around these parts. If you're not from Whitley or McCreary county you probably won't understand how a tree could mean so much but the trees are just one piece of our landscape that keeps us rooted in our values and pride in a community. I honestly don't believe we will have a do nothing plan of logging but let's at least rethink the areas and the ways we are considering the plan of rape to our homelands. Remember a lot of these trees seen the Civil War and they're still thriving and continuing to make our land the most beautiful in our nation. These pictures go hand and hand together, one is devastation and the other is the result of