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Comments: I am writing to oppose amending the management plan (Forest Plan) for the Daniel Boone National Forest. Frankly, I oppose all logging in national forests, for these areas are vital for the conservation of our ecosystem. I am concerned not only for my ability to live in a world with rich plant and animal diversity, but also my children's ability and my children's children's. What you are proposing is both short-sighted and completely unnecessary. Not only did the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conclude that "If [your] action is carried out as proposed, an increase in adverse effects on federally-listed species is anticipated," but you -- Forest Service itself - have indicated after each tree harvest that the amount of sediment reaching streams is "minimal." We are not suffering from a wood product shortage and there remain plenty of private lands available for logging. Your motto is "carring for the land..." Please do this and leave monetizing our resources to others. I urge you to manage the Daniel Boone National Forest as the precious resource it is, and one that should serve generations to come.