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Comments: Hello,

I am writing as a concerned Kentucky citizen, urging the Forest Service to reconsider certain provisions of the Pine Creek project. The existing plans to log over 1,300 acres of forest through the shelterwood process are ineffective for the intended purpose and highly unnecessary. Since 1980, these logging efforts have caused detrimental effects to nearly 5,000 acres of forest, which have not been managed well. For this project, the Forest Service has the opportunity to engage more effective methods of managing these acres, and truly support a beautiful, healthy environment in the Daniel Boone National Forest. I support using uneven-aged management with small-group selection where less invasive approaches are insufficient. I support roadside thinning to encourage the growth of young habitats. I support the restoration of fire-adapted woodland communities. I urge the Forest Service to consider these approaches, and to drop the proposal to log the Pine Creek Forest. The well-being of Kentucky tourism depends on the health and thriving of our beloved Forest. Thank you for your time.

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