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Comments: I am writing in regards to the potential shelterwood logging project proposed for the Pine Creek area of the Daniel Boone National Forest. There are much less impactful ways to manage the area and insure better habitat and oak forest regeneration. I support these recommendations from Kentucky Heartwood instead:

- 1) Manage the nearly 5,000 acres of forests harvested in the project area since 1980. Many of these areas are now forests of poor quality, with prior logging resulting in conversion of oak-hickory forests to tulip poplar and red maple. Expansion and modification of "Action 6: Crop tree release" could meet the Forest Service's goals for early seral habitat;
- 2) Support the existing proposal for 980 acres of commercial and non-commercial management to restore fire-adapted woodland community types (Action 2: Woodland and wooded grassland/shrubland communities);
- 3) Support variable thinning along certain roadsides to create early seral and edge habitat and support rare species on 280 acres (Action 9.B: Roadside thinning);
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- 4) Consider uneven-aged management with small group selection using expanding gap or femelschlag prescriptions where the above approaches aren't sufficient.