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Comments: I am a home school parent to five young adventurers located not far from the proposed logging site. We have been into areas previously logged by the USFS during our botany/geology unit studies and seen evidence where natural habitats were bulldozed through, creeks littered with fast food and soft drink trash, remnants of once-thriving forests tossed aside to rot because they wouldn't make the best veneer or furniture material.

We have seen previous devastation in national forest areas, and it seems the management standards promised to be followed are NOT being followed, and a mess of runoff and mudslides is what we are left with for our classrooms. I've yet to see new, marked saplings of oak, hickory, native evergreens, or other flora replanted in these areas, and we've been watching. Instead, invasive mimosas, grasses, etc are taking over. Projects like these are not for healthy forest management, because no one is removing the invasive tree species. The trees removed are healthy, native species that yield good timber resale value, and it's obvious.

I and my entire family wholeheartedly oppose this project, and any projects like it, in the Redbird District. If the USFS honestly wants to promote healthy forest growth, then remove the invasive trees, fence goats in for the kudzu overgrowth, and leave the healthy native tree species alone - or at least replant native species so other invasive flora doesn't take over and ruin our forests and classroom.