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Comments: As someone who has lived in the midst of the forest that is part of this proposed project, I have concerns about Murray County and specifically Grassy Mountain. I admit that I do have a life with husband, kids and a business that prevents my having the time necessary to read the lengthy report, but I do have a basic understanding of some of the things that have been proposed, therefore my apologies if the following has already been covered in the report. I hope that any proposed clear cutting projects or other projects that would compromise the view/appearance of Murray County mountains, specifically, Grassy Mountain, are avoided or kept to a bare minimum. Grassy offers one of the few remaining unspoiled mountain views in the area that are void of homes and what some men/women deem 'improvements' by turning what was once lush, natural forests into logging projects and further compromising the overall appearance of the mountain through extensive interference by man. I do feel that controlled burns are okay as I can see even in the forest surrounding my own home how a controlled burn would help to clear a lot of underbrush and fallen trees, I can see how downing a few trees can be overall beneficial to the forest, but I honestly don't see any benefit at all in clear cutting other than for financial profit or to fund the project. And if the project is to 'benefit' the forest, then to take away trees and plants that can prevent landslides that are common in areas such as this after flash flooding seems to be in complete contradiction to a benefit. With the introduction of the Inland Port and other industry that has come to compromise many areas of natural beauty in Murray County, it's disheartening to think that further projects could be in the works that take away additional natural beauty. I hope these thoughts and the thoughts of others who actually live in Murray County and will be left to deal with the consequences of outsiders who come in thinking they are 'improving' things, but will later go back to the suburbs never to see the results of their actions first hand again, will be taken into consideration. Thank you.