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Comments: This is a disastrous plan. East Tennessee has one of the richest ecosystems on earth. The areas that would be affected are especially beautiful. I am a travel writer and artist who has visited spectacular landscapes all over the world. And I have never seen anything to match the sheer loveliness of east Tennessee. To destroy the integrity of this forest would be a criminal and I would even say a sacrilegious act. To destroy it for money is immoral beyond words.

We have a treasure in this forest. And a forest cannot be restored once it is gone. "Restoration" will result in new trees, but the rich life of the forest will be lost. Please do not be so shortsighted as to go forward with this plan.