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Comments: This project requires an EIS. It has many areas where significant impacts may occur. For example:

Significant cumulative impacts when considered with Phase 1.

Significant water quality issues (including drinking water) where intense logging will occur in or near streams.

Significant impacts to endangered and threatened species, including aquatic species like the candy darter fish in the Dismal Creek area and its proposed critical habitat.

Significant impacts to potential wilderness areas.

Significant impacts to forest succession. The EA ignores science showing that many of these logging units will likely convert to poplar forest instead of the oak forest they are seeking.

Significant impacts to old-growth forests and the species that depend on them.

Failure to prepare an EIS will result in significant harm to the forest and its human and non-human users.