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Comments: I am opposed to this logging project for several reasons.

I hike on the Appalachian Trail in the Dismal Creek area and do not want anyone's enjoyment of the natural features of this area disturbed.

There are several endangered species possibly in this area, including the candy darter and several species of bats.

We need old-growth forest to absorb carbon. Cutting down old trees and planting new ones does not sequester carbon.

This area protects the drinking water of Pulaski, VA. Sedimentation resulting from removing tree roots can impair that water supply.

This 1200-acre project is on top of another 1200-acre cut, yet no consideration has been made of the combined effect of these cuts, plus a large prescribed burn in the area.