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Comments: We have a great natural resource in our national forests, one that has aided in building this great country. However, in recent years I dont believe it has been utilized to its potential. The timber harvests have been clear cuts mostly, and requiring helicopter or other unconventional harvesting methods. This makes it almost infeasible for most to buy the timber, and I think they backfire in preserving ground. The methods require larger landings, ultimately disturb more ground, and have not left a resource to seed back effectively which the Appalachian region relies on. Then the economic impact of selective timber harvests annually could be great. And using conventional methods makes it less expensive and more desirable for more companies to look at and compete over on bids.