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Comments: I grew up in a family that depended on a logger and a family owned logging business to provide for us. My husband has logged the mountains of this area for years. I can honestly state that I 100% disagree with the Jellico Vegetation Management Project. This project calls for an unimaginable amount of logging of untouched mountainous areas that will never be the same. My daughter is 14 years old and I know that if this project is not stopped or the proposed acreage to be logged is not drastically decreased, she will never see it look the way it does now, in her lifetime. I hate to think she will have to go almost 2 hours from home to see mountains that we have the privilege of looking at every single day now, just by simply looking out our back door. Not to mention the flooding and mountain slides that will take place, rivers and streams will become polluted with chemicals and who knows what else? I think we can see the damage this type of logging causes from recent devastating floods that just recently swept through Eastern Kentucky and not only homes and schools were lost, but lives. Complete towns unrecognizable. This project is, by far, too big and will devastate our region as a whole.