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Comments: Forest Service officials

Do not implement Jellico Vegetation Management Project #63037. The reasons for this project are unclear and possibly manipulative. The only reason I can find in your manifest for the project is to "The result would be the addition of approximately four 10-year age classes and at least 3 new forest structures across the project area, creating a more balanced age and structure distribution".

I find very little explanation as why this is a beneficial outcome for a forest that, if left alone, could become old age growth by the time this project were completed. It seems that you are considering this project to line the pockets of timber industry, or satisfy the need for more lumber. If that is your reasoning please be honest about it.

Perhaps a smaller section of the area considered could be logged, but the amount of acreage and time you're suggesting is absurd and I wholly oppose it. Please make the reasons for this project more plain and clear to the public. If even structure distribution is your reason, please supply forest science materials, journals, and studies to back up your claims.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen