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Comments: The Jellicos are a part of the Cumberland Mountains on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. The area is home to several threatened and endangered species, including the Cumberland darter and Blackside dace. The area includes nearly 1,300 acres of forest that could qualify as secondary old-growth (over 130 years old), but much of this older forest isn't protected in the area's "Designated Old Growth" area.

Areas of concern are:

-Landslides

-Old growth

-Recreational opportunity

Invasive species and herbicides

Resource extraction has already had a heavy toll on the forest. Nearly 2,700 acres were logged in the 1980s and 1990s. In 2011 the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service leased over 3,800 acres for oil and gas development. And legacy impacts from coal mining, along with significant problems with invasive plant species, add to the challenges of protecting and restoring this area.