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Comments: Hello, my name is Ashley Ratliff. In 2016, my husband and I moved to the Jellico Creek area. We purchased land in this particular region of Whitley County because we loved the beauty and peacefulness of the area. Within the past month, we heard about the plans to log the Daniel Boone National Forest. We have grown extremely concerned.

Our primary concerns are the plans to clear-cut log the forest as well as the use of herbicides/pesticides. Both of these would have a negative impact on the people who live within the area. When the clear-cutting takes place, there will no doubt be water run-off and erosion. Landowners within the area should not have to face problems that will arise from this when it can simply be avoided by doing selective cutting rather than clear-cutting.

Furthermore, the herbicides/pesticides are likely to contaminate the soil and water sources within the area. Whitley County already has a significant cancer rate per capita for our county. We should NOT BE POISONED by our own government, which is essentially what will be done when the herbicides/pesticides are used.

Plus, we the people, own the Daniel Boone National Forest. Therefore, why should those of us who live around the area have no decision-making rights as to what happens to the land?

For the record, I am STRONGLY opposed to the clear-cutting and use of herbicides/pesticides.