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Comments: As someone who has lived in the Daniel Boone National Forest their entire life and has seen the devastating effects of clear cut logging, I am strongly opposed to the Jellico project.

I believe that logging can be beneficial to a forest when done appropriately, and proper forest management is extremely important. However, I do not believe the Jellico project comes close to proper forest management in its current state. A very few of many questions I have on the project are below:

Is there a plan to mitigate the risks of landslides as a result of the project?

Does the forest service have a plan to control erosion and increased runoff as a result of the project?

Have the surrounding waterways been evaluated for sensitive species that may not be able to cope with changes in stream turbidity and chemistry that will occur as a result of the project?

Have increased flooding risks been evaluated as the result of increased runoff caused by vegetation removal on the area and downstream of the area?

How does the forest service plan to preserve the habitat of sensitive flora and fauna in the area that depend on the shade of a mature canopy to survive?

What herbicides will be used to control invasive and undesirable vegetation?

Have potential impacts to local pollinator populations been performed based on the use of herbicide?

What measures will be taken to ensure herbicide is applied properly by trained professionals?

What measures will be taken to prevent or limit herbicide runoff?

What measures will be taken to control invasive vegetation in the years following the project that otherwise would not be able to establish under the canopy of a mature forest?

Has surrounding private land been considered when determining the area's "need" for early successional habitat?

The people of Eastern Kentucky and the Daniel Boone National Forest have a long history of being exploited by the government and corporations for their cheap labor and natural resources. The natural beauty of the area is one of few things that the area clings on to. Please don't sacrifice the importance and natural beauty of the area for a poorly put together forest management plan that will leave the people feeling robbed and exploited like people of the area have felt so many times before.