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Comments: I am very concerned over the potential destruction of flora fauna and habitat for wildlife which will affect hundreds of species and end/remove habitat for many thousands of individual life forms. At a time when CO2 and global temperatures continue to rise and humans are putting unprecedented pressure on other life forms survival, it goes against reason and common sense to continue to hand over large swaths of wild lands to be harvested. The carbon footprint of the project will be extremely large and the benefits relatively small and short lived, while it will take decades for the land to recover (if it isn't paved over). I would strongly urge the the USDA, US and KY/TN Fish and Wildlife and any other governing authority to seriously consider all of the impacts and scale of the impacts on nature and what we will be trading away for the rest of most of our lives for what we will be getting in return. As well as the the local regional and global impacts on species diversity and it's ability to persist in the face of all the pressures humans are unleashing upon them daily. Humans are perhaps by our nature, selfish and often think of ourselves as being more important than other people and other forms of life. I urge the powers that be to reconsider that point of view, because our resources are finite and we cannot go on like this forever for the short term profit and benefit given the real harm it is clear we are doing to our world in exchange.