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Comments: I have several concern's.

1. As a previous small business owner I am wondering what plans you are making when the areas that depend on tourism are put out of business when tourism declines? And what resources will be available to the businesses in the areas?
2. What processes are being put in place to test the local water sources for poisonous herbicides during and after the entire process! These need to be implemented before any work starts. There also needs to be human services set up prior as well. It is not if human lives will be affected, it is when. The amount of herbicides that you are using will absolutely get into the local ground water. What will be set up to start monitoring cancer and other types of sickness increases over the next 40 years? Many of the people that live there now, will probably have passed in that amount of time. Their younger family members need to be made aware and protected before, during and after.
3. I am absolutely opposed to ALL THREE types of clear cutting. This will cause land slides and severe flooding in these areas. What financial resources and restoration resources will be available to the land owners in the area? What plans are being put in place for restoration of the areas and who is responsible for maintaining them over the next 40 years and WHO is going to be held responsible for areas that do not recover?
4. Who is buying the timber? I do not want a general answer! I want a direct company or person's name, location and what industry they are representing.
5. Who in the chain of government officials is advocating for this program? Please be specific with those names as well. Do they live in or near Boone? I am asking because it is easy for someone to make a decision about something like this when they are not directly affected.

I look forward to your reply.

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