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Comments: I am against the clear cutting being proposed for the 5,000 acres in the Daniel Boone National Forest area in Whitley and McCreary counties. While this may seem like an acceptable harvesting of resources from a monetary standpoint, the negative consequences to the community and the environment far outweigh any monetary gain. The three types of clear cutting being proposed for this 5,000 acres of public land in this national forest and the herbicides and other chemicals that the land would be treated with after the trees have been logged will pose threats to the surrounding farms and citizens for many years to come such as, water pollution, increased flooding problems, soil erosion and landslides. It will also pose a threat to wildlife in that area, several species of which are endangered. Additionally, any monetary benefits of this clear cutting and harvesting of resources will have no direct benefit to the local community. Instead, it will only be another instance of seeing our natural resources taken from our region while we are left with only the harmful consequences I have already listed. By continuing with this project as proposed, you are not adequately serving the public you claim to want to serve but will instead be acting in the same manner as other private corporations that have benefited from the vast quantity of natural resources in our area while leaving behind devastation on a broad scale to the land and community after those resources have been mined or harvested. I would rather see the USFS act in a more responsible way to the public they wish to serve by managing this public land in a way that is far more beneficial and environmentally friendly. The USFS can do this by using selective cutting instead to manage this public land and help to protect it from invasive species. By doing selective cutting instead, trees are still harvested but are taken in a way that will prevent more erosion, pollution and harm to the forest.