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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Jellico Vegetation management project. As a practicing forester, I recognize the validity and reasonableness of the silvicultural and habitat prescriptions that are proposed. I am concerned that some groups use inaccurate information about "old growth forests" in order to oppose scientifically based forest management and whip up distrust and public fear. In this era of climate change, aggressive management is essential to move our Kentucky forests in a positive direction after decades of neglect. Otherwise we may find ourselves in a situation like California where solutions are already too little and too late.