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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am a Midwesterner who has visited the Daniel Boone NF over the years. I am not impressed with many of the USFS' actions though and the Jellico project seems to be equally concerning.

The project states the need for more earlier successional aged forest habitat, but fails to balance that with the need for protection of mature and old growth forest habitat and the conservation of existing carbon in those areas. The President's 14072 Executive Order clearly establishes the expectation that these forests deserve greater protection. While the EO does not prohibit any logging in mature or old growth forests, it clearly does not imply the preference for transforming them to earlier successional stages.
This project's priority of establishing younger forests is not aimed at improving old growth characteristics, but in destroying mature and old growth forests habitat. While mixed forest habitat types have obvious value, this project should not used existing mature forests to achieve "younger"
habitat types.

The degree of logging planned in the project also raises the risk of soil erosion, landslides and failed regeneration. These issues have all been problems in the region.
This project should be cut back in scale and scope.

thank you for consideration of my remarks.