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Comments: As a logger, hunter, conservationists, I feel like the overall aspect of clearcutting is a horrible idea for our mountains. The clearing of trees takes away the ability of the mountains to do their jobs is absorbing and holding somewhere around 65 plus percent of the rain that falls. We've done seen devastating flooding and landslides in Whitley County along Jackson Creek in the Little Wolf Community! The slides all have one thing in common and that's at some point in the past 10 years and even less in some cases, the mountains above them has been clearcut! Clearing also pushes out wildlife such as the bear and coyotes which will be needing to still eat so there's a better chance for unwanted human contact and especially for our furry friends. The Bald Eagle also resides in several places in the projected land to be cut in the Little Wolf area. I've hunted those mountains for 25 years and it's taken up to the past 4 years to start seeing them on a regular basis up there. Also the thing with the so called safe herbicides including the ones the state sprays along the highways, has to find its way into the groundwater which leads to our creeks. There are several places along Jackson Creek where the Cumberland Darter and several other Darter call home. It doesn't take much to kill these things and I've seen coal dust, mud slides, and also where the state has sprayed along the roadways to kill them and a lot of other species. There is a right way to log and even after you do everything to follow all guidelines there still is a great chance for slides and destruction of soil, water. The funds being made from this is just a way for the government to recoup all that free money everyone wanted from the president. This could be a real financial opportunity for McCreary and Whitley Co. The funds could help the local police depts., addiction recovery, food and shelter for people who struggle, toy drives for Christmas, coat drives for the cold, better back roads, and I can keep naming things the money could do but it won't do none of that because it's going back to the U.S. Treasury and will be allocated how the higher ups see fit. Probably more vacations for the wealthy on the taxpayers dime because anyone who pays taxes and that is a resident of either county owns a portion of that ground. Clearing is not the way. Would come closer to agreeing on select cutting more than anything else.