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Comments: Comments: To begin, I write to say that I stand firm against clear-cut logging and using pesticides/herbicides in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

My husband, kids, and I fell in love with the Jellico Creek area many years ago. So much, that we decided to build our home here in 2019. We love the natural beauty and peacefulness of this special place that we now call home. Hiking, biking, walking, hunting, kayaking, fishing or just sitting and listening to the sounds of nature are just some of the hobbies that we truly enjoy in this special place.

We certainly have concerns with the plans to clear-cut log the forest as well as the use of herbicides/pesticides. Both of these would have a negative impact on the people as well as wildlife who live within the area. After clear cutting takes place there will be water run-off and erosion. Landowners and animals will most likely suffer from the negative impact this would impose. It will not only destroy the beautiful scenery and cause mudslides due to water run-off and erosion but also hurt our wild game by stripping them from their food sources. For example, Oak trees take around 20 years to grow and produce healthy acorns. This will cause an increased sediment in the streams which in turn will cause significant increased flooding. Therefore, have a detrimental impact to all the wildlife living in the waters and damage landowners personal properties. Jellico Creek is one of the larger tributaries flowing into the Cumberland River above the Cumberland Falls. So, not only will clear cutting have a negative impact on this area but also others as well.

Furthermore, the herbicides/pesticides are likely to contaminate the soil and water sources within the area. This as well will have a negative impact that could cause illness. For example, CANCER.

Citizens, we the people, own the Daniel Boone National Forest. Therefore, we should have a strong voice in making the decision NOT to clear-cut log our mountains and use herbicides/pesticides.

Furthermore, I want to mention that log trucks will damage our roads and cause danger to people driving and persons who enjoy walking, biking, etc. just as I mentioned earlier that my family and I truly enjoy. Will tax payers have to take care of fixing the roads that the log trucks will destroy?