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Comments: Hello, I hope you're well. I urge you to consider lowering the magnitude of the Jellico Vegetation Management project, or even canceling it. The proposal states that it hopes to increase biodiversity by replacing the old growth forest with new growth. However, much of the US's biodiversity is stored in its old growth forests, which are constantly declining due to logging projects. Replacing old growth with manmade forests cannot possibly increase the total biodiversity in the world. This is not only biodiversity for its own sake-these forests store great amounts of carbon in the form of peat and humus, and clearing even one small part of the forest will result in a net release of greenhouse gases, contributing to global warming.

I do not live near Kentucky, and it is unlikely that I will ever see the forest in person. However, as a newly minted adult, I believe that this project, and others like it, will adversely affect me and the rest of my generation for years to come. Biodiversity represents the range of natural beauty expressed by our planet, and it cannot be expressed in good faith that this project will increase biodiversity. And at a time when more and more areas are becoming unlivable, it is unconscionable to approve a project that will so significantly increase the carbon in the air. Please, for the sake of the next generation of living, working US citizens, make any effort to limit the Jellico Vegetation Management Project.