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Comments: I object to the Jellico logging project proposal.

My concerns are:

The proposal to log nearly 270 acres of old growth forest. As an ornithologist I can speak to the importance of old growth forests for countless mature forest specialist bird species. In Jellico there are several Species of Conservation Concern- some of these are areas sensitive (meaning they need large areas of forest) and/or require mature forest habitat.

For example:

Red-headed woodpeckers (Bird of Conservation Concern) is a cavity nester and requires dead and dying trees found in old growth forests for their nest cavity excavation.

Cerulean Warblers are also found found in Jellico and are another Bird of Conservation Concern. These birds are only found in mature forest habitats for their breeding. I am concerned that the harvest proposed in the Jellicos will very negatively impact the breeding of these and several other wildlife species.