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Comments: Letting our mature forests grow old is one of the most inexpensive, common sense strategies for mitigating the worst of the climate and biodiversity crisis.

The forests in this country prior to colonization were old and largely minimally disturbed. Indigenous forest management practices were and are complex and varied from location to location - attentive to the specific ecologies of the forests from region to region, attentive to the needs of every tree species, animal and sapling. The Jellico Project holds no such care nor attention within its "management" plan.

The concept of "biodiversity loss" due to a forest growing into an older version of itself, and then USFS proposing versions of clear cutting in order to 'restore' the "diversity" of young forests is nothing short of the logics of extraction that lead to ecocide.

Let the Daniel Boone National Forest Grow Old.