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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Jellico Vegetation Management Project plan. There is not much that I can say that other comments haven't already stated. I volunteered in eastern Kentucky after the July 2022 floods and I know many whose homes, farms, and livelihoods have been destroyed by those and other floods and landslides. Many studies show the devastating effects of extensive logging, especially on steep hills such as much of the area included in this project, causing such floods and landslides. I understand that the current national forest administration views projects such as this in terms of profit in order to help cover the service's expenses. I sincerely appreciate much of the national forest service's work in our public lands. However, the cost-benefit analysis of this project cannot result in a net gain, neither for the forest service nor the public. If one includes the bonds it would take to insure the health and safety of nearby residents in the case of floods or landslides, the replacement (impossible) of the area's current biodiversity, as well as other ecological and hydrological impacts, this project would cost not only the forest service, but also nearby landowners and residents dearly. Please do not proceed with this project. We deserve better.