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Comments: To those concerned,

I have been a resident of the Osborne Creek area the entirety of my life, I've grown up here and still live here. It is an extremely beautiful and close knit area, with many people's family, including my own, having lived here for multiple generations. Here, these individuals have long enjoyed the area they have called home, but this project threatens this way of life entirely.

This project proposal calls for the clear cutting and two-story removal of thousands of acres of land in the areas not only surrounding this area, but in the area surrounding our neighbors and family in places like Jellico Creek and the other branches and hollows that are affected. The plan, in effect, will cause much distress for not only the environment, but the people who are living in these areas. These people are part of a plan that follows a long standing trend of policy in the Appalachian area, disenfranchisement. These citizens are set to gain no benefit from this project, the logging is likely to be done by outside companies, not local ones, our state roads, at least on Osborne Creek as far as I know, are going to become worse due to logging trucks, and the numerous natural effects caused from this, like flooding and landslides, will cause problems for many many people.

This project appears to not have any major positive impact to our communities, just more problems.

With Respect,

Michael J. Neal