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Comments: I strongly oppose the Jellico Vegetation 'management' project currently being proposed. We know there is strong evidence documenting the correlation between logging and increased landslides. These landslides lead to stream destruction and greatly impacts the ecosystems that are dependent on the stability of these streams and forests. We also recently saw how logging, and long term extraction in Eastern KY led to devastating flooding that impacted thousands of people. Strong root systems are essential to keeping unnecessary flooding at bay, and this project is directly putting the safety of future generations at risk. As a young person who is already experiencing increased climate disaster, I want the Forest Service to consider the health of safety of my future, as well as all the other young people who live in this state. Please make the RIGHT decision, and stop this project.