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Comments: Old growth forests offer multiple layers of protection, including for native plant and tree species (including young trees), native wildlife and insects, vital microflora in the soil (which acts as support for native plants, trees, and insects), soil protection (as unprotected soil can lead to landslides), and carbon capture and retention. Old growth trees are one of the key supportive pillars of any healthy ecosystem, and in modern times, with the threat of devastating climate change looming large, it's unthinkable that the US Forest Service is considering eliminating old growth trees. This outdated thinking has led to the destruction of countless old growth forests around the world -- don't let it kill another one. Instead, selectively eliminate invasive plants and construct paths through this forest. Allow people to experience it. Let this part of the state of Kentucky benefit from the increase in tourism. Signed, a concerned frequent visitor to Kentucky.