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Comments: I am familiar with the Jellico forest. It is one of the most beautiful areas in the country. Responsible American citizens should be about preserving our old growth forests, not destroying them. We despair the destruction of the Amazon Forest in Brazil, but we are now preparing to destroy our own old growth forest.

I also have first-hand personal experience with the behavior of invasive Tree of Heaven. Once it gets a foothold in the landscape it takes over.

We must protect our old growth forests not only for our enjoyment now, but they are essential bulwarks in the fight against the Climate Crisis.