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Comments: Please put this logging project on hold until a full impact study can be completed. The Forest Service should conduct a full Environmental Assessment instead of relying on a Categorical Exclusion.

The proposal and analysis need to include site-specific information, including where logging will actually occur, and how specific species of tree will be impacted. In addition to the impact on grouse, the impact on species which need interior forest should be considered.

This area of the DBNF is already fragmented and has been heavily logged after the 2003 ice storm. In addition to the effects on all habitats and species, the impact on the recreational use of this important section of the Sheltowee NRT should be considered. Much of this section already consists of new growth habitat rather than old growth forest.

Moreover, sections in this area also already suffer from erosion; removing additional old growth may exacerbate this and further degrade the trail.

As a frequent user of this trail, I can attest that the economic impact of the trail's existence through as much old growth forest as possible will outweigh the less frequent income from seasonal hunting and logging on a 20 year cycle will produce. I have friends whose children chose to attend Morehead State because of its proximity to the section of trail you propose to log.