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Comments: As a member of the Cave Run Lake Chapter of the Sheltopee Trace Association, I'm disturbed that the presence of the trail is not being considered in the plans for logging this area. The ST is one of the most valuable assets of the DBNF and the communities that are part of it, and diminishing the attractiveness of a large section of the trail seems very careless of this asset. We work hard to make this trail walkable and enjoyable for hikers and others, but the cutting of older trees along the trail can diminish the pleasure of this part of the trail in a fraction of the time it takes us to make it a better experience.

In addition, it seems unbelievable to me that a project of this magnitude does not have to undergo a thorough environmental impact review, though it may very well lead to the opposite environmental outcomes of those stated in the plan - less of desired tree species and old growth, more possibility of invasives and less suitable habitat for animal and bird species. When our group wants to move the trail to make it safer for hikers, whether over an adjacent hillside or even just a few yards, we understandably have to wait for the environmental and archeological impact to be assessed. A project on this scale, affecting a much greater area than any of our re-routes, seemingly should at least have to undergo this same careful review.