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Comments: I am an herbalist (a cultural user of forest plants) and a frequent hiker on the Sheltoewe Trace, having hiked approximately 80 miles on the ST so far this year. Like many people, I use the Daniel Boone National Forest as a recreational source that provides me with robust physical and mental health benefits. Should you log along the Trace, it will drastically take away from mine and many other's forest experience, not to mention have impacts on all the species that live there today, including endangered bats and a large population of yellow lady slippers. I am in full support of the comments made by the Sheltoewe Trace Association.

It is obvious why the Forest Service is "managing" for grouse, and it appears very misleading to present the graphs attached in the scoping notice, and then make the conclusion that the lack of logging is the the only reason grouse have declined (while overlooking all the rest of the evidence). Please review and incorporate all related scientific studies into your work, not just the studies that support the type of logging you want to do (white oak).

This project is large, and the Forest Service needs to provide more specific details and correctly assess the environmental impacts. Please do not overlook obligations under NEPA, as well as your obligations to the public and your fellow citizens. I'm sure if we had dialogue about your forest health concerns as a community, we could come up with a satisfactory solution that wouldn't interfere with the beauty of the Sheltoewe Trace and unnecessarily cut mature interior forest in an area that doesn't have all that much of it.