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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am against this logging project as it has been submitted for mulitiple reasons. And I'll have only a few minutes left to plead my hope
1. Our Cave Run Lake Chapter of the Sheltowee Trace Association was not advised of this proposal. This Chapter maintains over 130 ..We learned about it midway through the comment period via an outside source. We had been promised by our hard working partners in the USFS that we would be advised of anything that might be affecting the Trace. For an example...they advised of us a prescribed burn and how that would affect our hikers. We only expected such courtesy on a project as big as this and with such impact as it will have on our National Trail and the users there of. This trail brings runners, hikers/bikers/equestrians, historians nature lovers from local Kentuckians to places as far away as the northern, southern, the midwest and western states British Colombian, England and Australia.
2. These miles of the Sheltowee represent a great deal of volunteer hours making the road and the single tracts that go off and on the road more walkable and user friendly. There's no way that this 7 or so miles of trail will not be poorly affected by this proposal. . . This is one move that could dishearten many a volunteer who have invested blood sweat and tears improving the trail and the natural environment it provides. I say this from a long time volunteer status of this amazing National Trail and knowing many other voluteers who have worked with us..
3. Only knowing what it means to personally experience many ages of forests here in the Boone, the second and older growth forests that show off our native grandeur in flora, and fauna and the current ecosystem that comes with these types of communities cannot be beat. This mulitple logging project would destroy so much of the wonder. Watching these various and many second growth forests diminish to forests where the 50 year old trees would have to start all over again.

I only hope that this project will be put on hold until reasonable alternatives are explored. And that all that is required of us as volunteers who care for the trail with all our hearts souls and muscles and who partner closely with the Cumberland Forest Employees (for whom we are thankful), is required of this grouse project...such as the ever important (so we are told) archeological and botanical review and approval. We volunteers can't move a trail a few feet without these approvals.