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Comments: I have had the opportunity to research and write about this proposed logging job in the pages of the News Journal, Whitley County's official paper of record, for the past year-and-a-half. A lot about the project confuses me, but mostly I find it hard to believe that such extensive logging will achieve the stated goals of simply managing the forest. This seems more like forest removal than forest management. I would LOVE to see more efforts made to increase recreational options in these areas. Things like hiking trails and campgrounds. We have some campgrounds in our general area, but we could have a REALLY good one (or several) in the area in question. If I had my way, then I would prefer no logging be done and we focus on how we can utilize the land for purposes of recreation and tourism. If there HAS to be logging done, however, then I would prefer to see the newly proposed Alternative 1, which drastically reduces the scope of the proposed work. Logging 10,000 acres over 40 years surely cannot be what's best for everyone here...