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Comments: I am a former USFS volunteer and have volunteered on several work projects on the Boone NF.

I enjoy hiking the Boone and am familiar with some of the special areas and steep terrain of the Jellico area.

I am opposed to the 40 year plan and query why a 40 year plan would even be seriously considered, since a Forest Plan has to be reviewed every 15 years. At the rate our planet is changing, we cannot even try to predict conditions in 15 years, much less 40.

I therefore support Option 1 with the Caveat that Best Practices must be ensured to prevent erosion on the area's very steep hillsides; erosion from logging/cutting leads to landslides and attendant damage to the Forest. With the proposed cutting there is also the ever present danger of inviting a profusion of invasive species, such as the Tree of Heaven, which not only interfere with germination of native seeds in the soil but also invite invasive pests such as the Spotted Lantern Fly which has degraded so many acres of valued timber across the US.

Thank you for considering my views opposing this extreme logging plan for our beloved Boone National Forest.