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Comments: I understand that the Forest Service is proposing aggressive logging of old forests in their Jellico Vegetation Management Project 63037. As a Kentucky native now living in Wisconsin, I travel to Kentucky to visit the many amazing spots in the Daniel Boone Forest, especially old tree areas. In recent years I have learned more about a shocking shortage of old tree stands, both in Kentucky and Wisconsin, but also in other eastern states, and of a continued and even accelerating lack of valuing these stands in management plans, even as the abysmal amount of them continues to shrink. The old tree stands in the Jellico area should be preserved as a remarkably rare habitat, invaluable for both the plants and animals dependent on old tree stands, but also as one of the few examples we have left of one of God's greatest gift to us as humans. During this frightening time of ecological change, surely we can stop the planned destruction in this rare and wonderful place.