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Comments: I find the original proposal of clearing 10000 acres of Jellico downright offensive. This seems a continuation of the centuries of extracting from the land and people of eastern KY, benefitting outside interests at a local loss. The original 40-year timeline meant this decision's impacts would be felt for the next 100 years, and we'd be making decisions now that are better left tabled for those in the future, who will better know our needs.

I recently saw a national program on off-roading that featured the publicly available trails through Jellico and the surrounding forest. It was one of the best portrayals of our state I have ever seen, clean and scenic and friendly. These forestry operations DIRECTLY THREATEN that tourism and income to the local community. The economic and physical health of the local people should be considered in all aspects, not just the short term gains from logging jobs, but losses to local tourism and ultimately property values.

Opting for the reduced proposal of 3,000 acres, while a distant second to omitting logging altogether, seems a far more acceptable proposal. I would encourage the forestry service to pick the least impactful proposal with the shortest timeline.