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Comments: Gentlepeople, I am a long-time educator of Biology and Environmental Science who also hiked and camps within the Daniel Boone Forest as much as I can. As part of the NEPA process, it's essential to highlight my opposition to the Forest Service's indiscriminate cutting of older forests driven by volume-based timber targets. Older forests are vital for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation. After working in Eastern Oregon doing survey work on old growth forests, I was able to experience these amazing forests firsthand with the beauty they contain. Please reconsider the destruction and find a better way[hellip].