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Comments: I am opposed to the Jellico Forest Management Plan EA primarily because it reaches too far into the future. None of know how the world will change in the next 40 years, and we shouldn't be putting policies in place that tie the hands of our children and grandchildren, just because of the financial interests of the logging industry. If the entire Daniel Boone National Forest Management Plan is supposed to be revised every 10 to 15 years then this will only cause trouble within the next decade.

Further, I understand that timber harvest targets are linked to performance reviews of Forest Service staff. If this is true, that policy should be halted immediately because it is clearly counterproductive to the mission of managing the Forests. It would be no different than assigning minimum black bear shootings to performance reviews. It's absurd on the face of it and actually we shouldn't need to point it out.

If we have to have performance goals, perhaps it should be to increase the number of visitors to the Forests every year, which has a direct financial impact on the communities surrounding the forests. Thus, it's important for decision-makers to recognize the multifaceted importance of our forests and ensure that management practices align with broader conservation goals outlined in President Biden's Executive Order aimed at preserving mature and old-growth forests.