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Comments: I am against Irresponsible Logging in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

When I was a kid in the 1960s I remember going to Jellico for church service projects. Part of that experience was going into the nearby woods which was a magical experience where I learned about old growth trees.

PROTECTING OLD GROWTH AND MATURE FOREST ECOSYSTEMS IN THE DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

What's most alarming is that the Daniel Boone National Forest says that this logging is needed because the forest is too old (Draft EA p.3), while the Biden administration has issued an executive order mandating the conservation of mature and old-growth forests!

I support the NO ACTION alternative with modification to manage invasive Tree of Heaven and Autumn Olive. It is wrong that the U.S. Forest Service links performance evaluations on timber targets.

Climate science studies demonstrates the importance of mature and old-growth forests for climate change mitigation. These forests act as essential carbon sinks, helping to absorb and store significant amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. By acknowledging this science, the USFS should align its practices with broader conservation objectives and contribute meaningfully to climate action efforts.

We need to protect the planet for future generations. Cutting down mature forest is old thinking. the time is now to rethink old destructive policies.

Thank you for considering my concerns.