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Comments: As a concerned citizen of KY and of the United States, I am writing this letter.

We know logging operations in national forests can have a significant detrimental impact on the ecological health of the vital forest ecosystems.

Erosion, sedimentation, altered stream flow patterns, disturbed and compacted soils, reduction of biodiversity, introduction of invasive species, spreading tree disease, and fragmentation of wildlife habitat are some downsides of large-scale logging operations.

Selective logging and other treatments - when done in a balanced way in the right places with follow-up care - can improve forest health, reduce fire danger, and remove invasive species. (Text borrowed from website)

Are there any considerations to restore lost native trees to area once inhabited by them?

Is Kentucky working with the other states that are trying to bring back the American Chestnut?

Will the Virginia pine, long leaf and other pines take over the landscape once logging has commenced?? Nobody wants that.

I know it takes time and money to selectively harvest or treat unwanted species to open the landscape for new growth to take place., so I'm not totally against such an endeavor. It does seem suspicious however that this particular area has been isolated. Why here?

If there is a vote I would have to go with the lesser of two evils.

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Trees that are older than any of us should remain to grow even older. They are one of the few remaining entities in this great nation that have been here since it began. We should all be able to stand and gaze at the majestic beauty of such an entity.

In conclusion, I'm still thankful we have a forest service that looks after our forests and involves the citizens in its decisions.

Thank you

Regards

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