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I am very much against the proposal by United States Forest Service (USFS) of all entities. This outrageouse proposal is a 40-year project that would log 10,000 acres of mature and old-growth forest in southeastern Kentucky, west of I-75 between Williamsburg and Whitley City.

. 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!

Indigenous peoples know how to sustain woodlands and they could come up with a solution to preserve this forest.

The outragious Proposed Action includes:

? 931 acres of clearcut

? 1,805 acres of two-age shelterwood, which is similar to a clearcut

? 2,434 acres of deferment harvest, where the forest is cut twice over a 10-to-15-year period

? 4,367 acres of commercial thinning, which will cut about half the trees

A little bit less offensive is The Draft EA 's alternative proposal:

Alternative 1: 3,000 acres of logging over 4-6 years, including:

? 1,122 acres of two-age shelterwood

? 1,811 acres of commercial thinning

why give our precious forest to a bunch of privateloggere? I prefer "Alternative 1," with modifications that account for the concerns listed below. OR, you can support the NO ACTION alternative with modification to manage invasive Tree of Heaven and Autumn Olive.