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Comments: I am opposed to the clear-cutting of ~5,000 acres in the Jellico mountains for logging. In addition to the obvious problems of erosion and aesthetics, mentioned by others in the comments, there is the problem of externalized costs. The collapse of a localized ecosystem (which would happen, of course, in the area that was clear-cut), would also put strain on surrounding ecosystems. Those deferred/hidden costs would potentially cause damage to ecosystems beyond the area under discussion here. While that ought to be enough of a reason not to clear-cut, it is certainly not "priced-in" to the project. Additionally, damage to the watershed, food-chain, and species diversity would all be impacted and, again, are certainly not "priced in." This is not just a question of it being an eyesore--this is nineteenth-century kind of thinking. We know better today, which makes clear cutting a moral failing. While I much prefer alternative 2, alternative 1 should be the minimum acceptable option.