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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed plans to harvest logs from the Jellico National Forest. I sincerely believe that the work proposal will be far more harmful than just leave the forest alone. Mature trees are the most valuable ones to help control climate and absorb CO2. Forests protect our water sheds and help reduce flooding. Forests encourage beneficial rainfall for dry periods.

The removal of forest, in particular mature trees, also reduces the healthy environment for future tree growth, understory plants, wildlife including birds, insects and forest dwelling animals.

Please stop all plans for vegetative removal from the Jellico Forest area.

Thank you