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Comments: For the Jellico Vegetation Management EA, I prefer Alternative 1, with modifications that account for the risk of landslides and account for invasive species management. Tree roots are essential for preventing landslides and old growth forests play a serious role in this. Through a better analysis of this, the risks associated with tree removal can be assessed. Further consideration also needs to be given to the ecological impacts of removing old growth trees. Tree of heaven increases with logging and this has long term impacts on many native species. Better thought needs to be given to all species impacted by this project.