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Comments: As part of the NEPA process for Jellico Vegetation Management Project #63037, I wish to express my opposition to the Forest Service's indiscriminate cutting of older forests.

These practices pose a significant threat to the crucial role mature and old growth forests play in mitigating climate change, as emphasized in President Biden's Executive Order.

Considering the entire Daniel Boone National Forest Management Plan is supposed to be revised every 10 to 15 years, a 40-year logging proposal is grossly irresponsible

I prefer Alternative 1, with modifications that account for removing regeneration cuts from the project scope and focusing on critical Cerulean Warbler habitat, as mentioned in Objective 1.1.B of the Forest Plan. By doing this, the Forest Service can demonstrate its commitment to conservation and the broader goals of preserving biodiversity and ecosystem health.

Furthermore, the Forest Service's analysis of landslide risks in the Jellico Mountains does not address the most relevant issues related to this significant hazard. Given the steep and landslide-prone nature of these mountains, it's crucial for comprehensive assessments to be conducted. I urge the Forest Service to take a deeper look at the landslide risks and the serious issues raised by Kentucky Heartwood. By prioritizing thorough analysis and incorporating additional expert guidance, we can better safeguard against landslide risks and ensure the safety and stability of the Jellico mountains and surrounding areas.

Thank you.