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Comments: The proposed logging area is a highly visible as opposed to many sites in the US that are more remote. Everyone will see this logging from the roads and by looking up at the mountains. I've never seen a clearcut on a steep slope that wasn't a disaster. It will create logging roads, washouts, invasive species will be a huge problem. The soil is full of seeds already and when the sun hits them, they will grow. Bush honeysuckle, vine honeysuckle, autumn olive and tree of heaven will grow. Then you are saying you will use herbicides to kill the invasive species, which will no doubt get in the water supply. The herbicides will get in the ponds. There are 100's of ponds fed by those mountains you are planning to clearcut.

There will be serious siltation of our streams and we have the Cumberland Darter, an endangered fish found nowhere else in the world but here in Whitley County and in the Jellico Mountains. There is no way your clearcut plan is going to help that fish, that we all can agree!

I have lived here for 30 years and travelled the world. There is almost no prettier place on the planet than right here. Don't disturb our tranquil natural beauty.

I ask you to do not harvest on steep slopes. I am completely opposed to the Proposed Action. How would like to have your Proposed Action in your back yard? If you must log, go with Alternative 1 and be careful and caring to us and our people owned national forest.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.