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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Regeneration cuts, such as clearcuts and shelterwood logging, in mature and old-growth forests has no place in the Jellico Mountains. 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.

Further, it's imperative that the Forest Service adheres to the Forest Plan and provides a clear explanation of how they intend to maintain the 7,400 acres of habitat required by Cerulean Warblers in the Jellicos. These habitats are essential for the survival and well-being of these species, and it's critical that they are preserved and protected.

As a long time naturalist and educator, I can attest to the concern our youth also feel about the importance of protecting old growth forests. My students led a campaign to protect old growth forests as their chosen KYA project because of their deep concern for the future of biodiversity and healthy intact forests. Thank you for your consideration.