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Comments: As the State Representative of Whitley County, I urge you to reconsider your decision to clear cut this large area. I grew up in these hollers. My grandparents live on Jellico Creek; my mom grew up in Kinsee Holler; my childhood and teen years were spent hiking and 4-wheeling Gatliff Mountain. These woods are our culture and our home. I want a trail that I can take my son side-by-side riding. He deserves the opportunity to fall in love with Appalachian nature the same way I did. The actions you take on federal land affects our privately owned land more than you know. I believe I speak for a vast majority of the constituency here when I beg you to discontinue this project or compromise on the amount of our land you will harm. The thought of the federal government using our tax dollars to destroy Appalachia is very upsetting.