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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am very angry about the risky proposal to begin a 40-year logging project in the Jellico mountains of Southeastern Kentucky. The Draft EA downplays the extent to which tree of heaven is rampant in the Jellicos. There are already large infestations of tree of heaven from places that the Forest Service logged in the 1990s, and these risk getting worse with logging. To make matters worse, tree of heaven can cause populations of the spotted lanternfly to increase, impacting neighboring native species as well as agriculturally important trees. I beg you to reconsider this proposal and not to further damage the forests of the Jellico mountains.

Sincerely, Elizabeth