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Comments: As a former board member of nonprofit Green Forests Work, an organization that values high-quality, high-value reforestation on "legacy" sites in Eastern KY, I would like to express my opinion regarding the Jellico Mountain logging project in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Of the three options, I would prefer Alternative 2, i.e., no logging at all, in the regions specified. However, since the Forest Service has committed time and resources to this effort of identifying sites to log, I don't think Alternative 2 is a realistic option. In whatever spirit passes for "compromise" these days, that leaves only one option that I support, which is Alternative 1, hardly ideal, but at least not the Proposed Action, which requires more years and methods such as clear-cutting that may contribute to flooding in an area already reeling from floods in the past two years.

If Alternative 1 could include invasive species control, such as eliminate the Tree of Heaven, a host-species to the spotted lanternfly, I would be even more supportive of this action. The spotted lanternfly will significantly impact the beekeeping industry in the Appalachian region because it impacts the quality of honey: the "honeydew" excreted by the spotted lanternfly discolors the honey and also affects the quality of the taste of honey. This is unfortunate because forest-based Appalachian honey is unique and delectable, one of the few forest-based commodities that can be produced without expensive equipment.

Please accept this letter in support of Alternative 1, with amendments to control invasive species.

Respectfully,

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