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Comments: As part of the NEPA process, I am strongly opposed to the Forest Service's plan to cut down older forests! Older forests are vital for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation.

Forests are EXTREMELY important carbon sinks, helping to absorb and store significant amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. I am a mother with two children - and I'm very active in climate change activism in my professional and personal work. Please don't log this forest - we need these trees for habitat for animals and other plants too - we need this nature for our own existence. Please don't cut down these old growth forests!!

I support the NO ACTION alternative - instead focus only on managing invasive Tree of Heaven and Autumn Olive.

I'm extraordinarily concerned that the Forest Service is prioritizing timber volume mandates above other critical forest needs like forest health and the quality of water. Clearcuts and shelterwood logging in mature forests have 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.

Please do NOT log the Daniel Boone Forest - instead, focus any effort on controlling invasives.