Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/22/2024 4:00:00 AM First name: Will Last name: Prewitt Organization: Title: Comments: I object to the continuation of the Jellico Creek clear-cutting project. As a native of Whitley County, Kentucky, I strongly oppose seeing my family's home being deforested.

Cutting steep tree-covered hills in Southeastern Kentucky is a recipe for disaster. This opens up areas of Whitley and McCreary Counties to additional flood risk and invasive non-native plant species.

These areas of national forest provide immense beauty to Southeastern Kentucky, along with countless recreational opportunities. This project was roundly opposed in 2022 by all elements of the local communities. I see no reason that anything should change a short two years later. Any benefits from this logging will go to entities far beyond Whitley and McCreary Counties and our people will be left with only the negative consequences.