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Comments: Hello,

I have read about the proposed Jellico Vegetation Management project and would like to encourage you to explore less invasive and destructive options. Maintaining these last tracts of public lands that contain significant areas old growth forest is an incredible way to keep Kentucky healthy, both in terms of it's citizens, it's flora and fauna and it's streams. The importance of maintaining these forests as carbon sinks has become broadly accepted by new forestry science. But besides that, don't we want to preserve these last bits of Kentucky's wild heritage? Besides encouraging tourism and economic growth, having these rare forest tracts left largely intact is a balm for our spirits in these times of accelerating technology and industrial pressure. Thank you for your consideration. Signed, Warren Byrom