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Comments: RE: Jellico Vegetation Management EA

I am concerned about the way this project will impact the crisis of of our times - climate change. The best climate science has shown that mature forests are important parts of our efforts to sequester carbon. The practices proposed in the management plan 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. The USFS should align its practices with broader conservation objectives and contribute meaningfully to climate action efforts. This plan is a step backwards and should be shelved.