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Comments: I DO NOT WANT ANY OLD-GROWTH FORESTS LOGGED! That's the simplest way I can state -SHOUT - to you that we need to protect our older forests and individual trees everywhere, but especially at these location in Kentucky.

I DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR 'MANAGEMENT PLAN' FOR PERIOD OF 40 YEARS OF LOGGING - how can you possibly know what the world will be like in 40 years?! Don't lock our futures into any legally binding agreement to spoil our few remaining older forests.

I WANT GREATER PROTECTIONS IN PLACE FOR ENDANGERED BIRDS AND FISHES - I am a bird lover from way back and applaud organizations which are trying their hardest to buy up and protect land to allow our rare birds to continue existing - like the Cerulean warbler and others. And I know enough about threatened fish species to know that we humans have spoiled the waters from our actions for too long. Logging large tracts of our federally-owned forest will only increase the threats to these animals and more.

LOGGING LARGE TRACTS CAUSES EROSION AND SHOULD NOT BE PERFORMED - erosion fills our waterways with sludge and makes all the hillsides prone to even more erosion. You can certainly fell a tree a lost faster than a new one can grow to stabilize a once all-natural slope. This activity is dangerous and unnecessary.

I WANT OLD-GROWTH FORESTS LEFT FOR OUR FUTURE - I want my grandchildren to visit trees that are hundreds of years old. Had people and the Forest Service been more protective and proactive in the past, there would still be more old-growth tracts around instead of there only being remnants of these magnificent sites.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSAL TO THE JELICO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT! PLEASE DO NOT ENACT THIS PROPOSAL OR MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR PLAN. Thank you.