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Comments: Hello,

I am not a native Kentuckian. I am from West Virginia/ North Carolina. I have lived in both for many years, but I have lived in Kentucky for most of my adult life. Out of those three states I've lived in and the 20 other states I have visited, Kentucky has consistently taken the cake. The reason for this is, without a doubt, because of the gorgeous landscape and rich biodiversity. The trails in Kentucky cannot be matched in any of the surrounding states. I am an avid hiker, scenic highway driver, and overall breathtaking view lover and I believe many in Kentucky are at least one of these things. Kentucky's Adventure Tourism is huge and to protect these lands and treat them as an asset would be in Kentucky's best interest. There is no reason we couldn't be as rich in wealth due to the beautiful landscape here in the Commonwealth as Colorado is with its adventure tourism. Not to mention, Kentucky's history with Daniel Boone and being a haven to Native Americans--a safe place to come together and hunt in this gorgeous area. To deforest the Daniel Boone Forest is a slap in the face to Kentuckians everywhere. A slap in the face to the state's history, a slap in the face to what makes Kentucky so special. To destroy Kentucky's beautiful landscape is to destroy what makes Kentucky special. It destroys a huge asset to the state. One that could in the future bring Kentucky much, much more wealth. This is a poor decision. Please don't destroy our land. The rape of the forest is a heinous crime. I would not want that on my shoulders. There are more important things out there than whatever deforesting this area will bring.