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Comments: I strongly support the protection of the bats in the Jellico project area. This region is a critical habitat for the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), both of which are endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Additionally, the Tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), which is proposed for listing under the ESA, also resides in this area. Preserving their habitat is essential for the survival and recovery of these vulnerable species.