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Comments: As a resident of Kentucky, I wish to highlight my opposition to the Forest Service's cutting of older forests, driven by volume-based timber targets in the Jellico Vegetation Management Project #63037. Older forests are vital for the biodiversity of our beautiful region, and contribute heavily to both carbon sequestration and water retention. Placing value on the extraction of timber above forest health, water quality, and wildlife habitats is just another step in the wrong direction. We should be prioritizing creating a society that is climate resilient and environmentally-focused, not one that cuts down our growing forests because they are too old.

"There must be limits, somewhere, to the human footprint on this earth. When the whole of the world is reduced to nothing but human product, we will have lost the map that can show us how we got here, and can offer our spirits an answer when we ask why. Surely we are capable of declaring sacred some quarters that we dare not enter or possess." - Barbara Kingsolver,

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