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Comments: Please don't destroy this forest! My whole family is opposed to the Jellico Vegetation Management EA. As part of the NEPA process, it's essential to highlight my opposition to the Forest Service's indiscriminate cutting of older forests driven by volume-based timber targets. Older forests are vital for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and habitat preservation. We have visited the Angel Oak in Charleston, SC, twice because we wanted to show our kids what a really old tree looks like, and most Americans have never seen a really old tree; old trees are incredibly precious and must be protected.