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Comments: My name is Staci Moses and I oppose the Jellico Mountain Logging project. Kentucky Heartwood has given amazing facts and examples of why this project should not go through, which I completely agree with, so I will just give my personal reasons as to why I do not want this project to happen.

I have lived in Williamsburg, KY all of my 42 years of life. Growing up, I played in the Wolf Creek area and the last 14 years I have lived in the beautiful Jellico Creek area. In the summer we play in the creek and have the opportunity to hike through the woods. We also float the creek in our kayaks and swim and just enjoy the natural beauty. Jellico Mountain is a part of our heritage and who we are. I have had the blessing of sharing this heritage with my children and I would like to also share it with my grandchildren one day but this may not be possible if the proposed logging project is carried out.

There are two places that I have experienced in my life that have helped me too I feel great joy and peace. One of those places has always been the ocean and the other has always been the mountains here at home. To sit on my front porch and look at the mountains brings a serenity that you do not get just anywhere. With the world so hectic and crazy, we need more of these peaceful places and not less.

And what about respect and consideration for the people in general. This is OUR home! That should be heard. We the people that live here in this community do not want this project to happen. That should carry the majority of the weight of the decision. I do not agree that it should be left up to one person, or any group of people for that matter, who does not even live in this area to decide what happens for us, especially since we are speaking out so loudly against it. The thought of the landslides that could happen and affect the people in my community is heartbreaking. Also the displacement of so many animals. Possible chemicals getting into the creek that my children have already this year been asking to play in. With all of these legit concerns, there should be, in my opinion, no question as to whether or not this project will happen.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my concerns and I'm praying that you will make the right decision.