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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. It would be unforgivable to knowingly destroy the environment of these endangered and nearly endangered species.