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Comments: I am against the proposed action of the Forest Service clearcutting nearly 5,000 acres of land in the Jellico Mountains. Clearcutting can lead to irreversible erosion, water supply contamination due to use of herbicides, and landslides. We have many community members in this area which would be greatly affected by the potential heavy erosion and landslides. This area is already prone to flooding and landslides which destroys the natural quality and beauty of the land, as well as the homes of community members. Clearcutting also destroys the natural sustainability of forest ecosystems. Appalachia is a beautiful region that already struggles with deforestation, climate change, and soil erosion-clear cutting 5,000 acres of forest will only add to the problem.