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Comments: Dear US Forestry,

Overall, the proposed action is no better and basically the same as November 2022 original proposal. I do not support the proposed action and will not support Alternative 1. Any type of clear cut on a mountain is a bad idea. Therefore, I support Alternative 2, not to log anything.

My reasons for alternative 2 are as follows: 1. In school we were taught about conservation and that the purpose of national parks are for protection as it is public land, that I am part owner of as well as every citizen in America. 2. I live in McCreary County and moved there because most of the land is national forest. You don't and will not see anyone logging the great smoky mountains. I don't want it done here or in anyone else's backyard. 3. I own 27 acres in Pine Knot. It was selectively logged by a local. The main dozer trail going down the backside of a steep hill keeps eroding and deep ruts have formed in just the last four years since logged in 2020. It is getting harder to walk down to the bottom. It is mainly clay and parts of it is to bare rock now. Rain will cause land slides and flooding if clear cut. What is happening on my property is just a 10 foot wide dozer trail. Also have lost a lot of wildlife. I don't see squirrels or very many deer. I had a turkey hanging around and it's gone too. 4. I grew up in Kentucky most of my life, but before moving back I lived in Louisiana for four years. On each side of LA-22 between Ponchatoula and Covington, clearcutting for subdivisions have been done. It never used to flood in that area. Over the years people leaving New Orleans have built and moved there. Now every time it rains it floods. One tall pine tree can soak up gallons of water. When they are not there water has no place to go. 5. I feel for the people that live in the proposed area as some past logging has already caused land slides and flooding for them. Lastly, please consider no logging.