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Comments: I am writing to comment on the proposed logging project- Jellico Vegetation Management EA. I work as Urban Forester for a city in Kentucky and am dealing with the effects of climate change every day. The proposal to remove mature and old growth forest using techniques similar to clearcutting is not only reckless, but unnecessary. The benefits these forests provide far outweigh any meager financial gain to be made from cutting and removing the timber. Overwhelmingly, the public prefers preservation, recreational opportunities, and action on climate change. These forests provide all of that opportunity. To log these areas will forever damage these critical woodlands, fracturing already pressured ecosystems, set back our efforts to combat a warming planet, and disrupt human and animal habitats due to increased flooding, invasive species spread, and degradation of the ecosystem and potential revenue generating economies for historically impoverished areas. These areas have faced over a century of resource exploitation. It is beyond time to preserve our forests and focus our energy and efforts on helping combat climate change and expanding low impact recreational usages for these forests. Whereas the alternative #1 is a much better option, I believe we should not consider major logging projects on our public lands.