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Comments: I am writing to you about the Jellico management project 63037. I want to start by saying this is a disastrous plan for this area. I am a landowner with 250 acres so I know the importance of timber management. Clear cutting in the mountains is not the way to manage the timber. The main reason I have not cut some of my timber is there is no good way of doing it without ruining the mountain land. When they logged these mountains with mules and horses they left no scars on the land. The " modern " way to log here is to run a bulldozer to every cut tree and drag it to a landing. This destroys what little topsoil there is and the first big rain washes it away. I never remember mud slides until recently, now they are common place.

You want to treat the invasive species with herbicides on a grand scale with no consideration of its impact on drinking water, wildlife or the people that live in these areas. These studies have to be done before we can even consider this!

Lastly, this plan can not go on for 40 years. No matter what is agreed on now, objectives can change over this much time. We were told that the powers on high have called for a 400% increase in logging on the Daniel Boone national forest. I pray this is not for white oak barrels for the Bourbon makers or foreign sales! For far too long our natural resources have been taken from this area in the form of timber and coal. We have seen the money go to far away places and we have been left to clean up the messes in the form of ruined land and destroyed roads. If you must do something with this land, please make sure the profits stay in this community for us to enjoy!