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Comments: I have lived on Little Wolf Creek for 54 years, my whole life. I was raised here I raised my kids here and I'm helping raise my grandkids right here in this holler.

I have seen this holler change over my lifetime and I can tell you, nothing good will come from clearcutting these mountains. I have been all over these mountains and they are steep and need the trees to hold them up, hold down the soil and the side of the mountain. When it rains, everything comes down into the valley where we all live. The floods get worse every year and if you cut down the trees, you can't tell me that it won't get worse still. I have had to ride in a BOAT many times to get out of this holler the flooding is so bad. In 2022, houses got washed away and the road was gone. This is not going to get any better if you clearcut our mountains.

When we log our own land, we don't clearcut. We selective cut because we know better and we care for our land because it's all we have. That national forest that you are supposed to be caring for is our land too and you should not clearcut it.

Your idea of trying to pass a logging project for 40 years is not doing right by the people. You are supposed to involve us, according to NEPA. If you pass a project for 40 years, you never have to get input from the people again for 40 years. This is not right. My granddaughter is 16 years old. I taught her to be strong and smart and when she is 30 (15 years from now), she should have a chance to tell you what she thinks of any logging you want to do then. It is wrong for you to pass a 40 year project now which denies her this right as a citizen of the United States of America.

This is the prettiest, most quiet place on Earth, I'm pretty sure. I grew up playing in the creek and now my grandbabies play in this creek. If you spray all those herbicides you're talking about spraying up the mountain, you're going to contaminate our creek. We live here and we know everything that happens up top comes down on us.

I am for Alternative 2, do no logging. If you can't pick that one, than pick Alternative 1. For me and for my kids and my grandkids, do not pick the Proposed Action.

Thank you for listening to us so far and please listen to us again.