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Comments: As a researcher and writer about forestry, and the owner of 112 wooded acres on the border of the George Washington National Forest in Virginia, i am horrified at the Jellico Vegetation Management proposed plan. To harvest, much less clearcut, thousands of maturing hardwood forest flies in the face of every scientific fact about the value of forest against climate change, for biodiversity, clean water and air, and recreational value. Early successional forest is available virtually everywhere. As are invasive species, which will colonize clearcut areas immediately. This is not forestry; it is kowtowing to the forest industry with no regard for the best interests of society. After President Biden's ExOrder to inventory old-growth, and his efforts to mitigate climate change, the Forest Service should know better. And should do better. This plan is the same old same old that has reduced forests for decades to nothing but industry grabs. Shame on the Forest Service.