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Comments: We recently learned through Freedom of Information Act documents associated with a lawsuit from the Southern Environmental Law Center that the Forest Service has mandated timber targets that include a more than 400% increase in logging in the Daniel Boone National Forest (DNBF) in the last 20 years. The documents show that the DBNF is prioritizing the timber harvest mandate over other forest needs, including recreation, forest health, water quality, and more. To make matters worse, meeting these timber targets is directly tied to performance reviews of DBNF staff! It is irresponsible for the Forest Service to move forward considering the importance of old growth forests to the health of our ecosystems, the increased risk of landslides due to clearcut, and direct impact on sensitive and endangered species of the area.