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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to take a step back to look much more thoroughly at many questionable aspects of the Jellico Vegetation Management Project. Seeing the prioritization of commercial logging over health management of the complex systems within old-growth forests I am deeply concerned. I am concerned about the stability of the natural communities of life, the integrity of the steep slopes, as well as the vital role old-growth forests play in mitigating climate change.

The fact that employees' performance is linked to achieving timber cutting targets does not inspire confidence in the decision-making process or long-range planning for our forests. In addition, the fact that the Draft EA fails to even reference the Forest wide Objective 1.1.B is, frankly, insulting.

I fully support the Biden administration's executive order aimed at preserving mature and old-growth forests. Can we really expect politicians in Brazil to prevent the cutting of the Amazon while we are reckless with our own stands of mature forests?

Landslides, invasive species, health of waterways, the biodiverse community of life, endangered species, compaction of soil. These are the important considerations that must be given the highest priority in planning for the future of our forests. The draft environmental assessment gives far too little attention to far too many issues. I am strongly opposed to the 'management' plan or its alternative 1.