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Comments: In order to plan for future resilience, we need to protect the old growth forests that play an important role in stabilizing watersheds. We all witnessed the horrors of the Eastern Kentucky floods 2 years ago where hillsides slid onto roads and over homes. The Jellico mountains are some of the steepest and most landslide-prone mountains in the state. The Forest Service's analysis does not look at the most relevant issues related to landslide risk.

Secure our future and incorporate the science and methodology and adopt the recommended Best Management Plans that was prepared for the Appalachian Citizen's Law Center, Kentucky Heartwood, and the National Wildlife Federation into the Jellico analysis and any final approved action.