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Comments: I support the No Action Alternative in the Jellico Vegetation Management Project EA. The project ignores both the substance and the spirit of President Biden's April 22, 2022 Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities and Local Economies where the President clearly states "It is the policy of my administration to conserve America's mature and old-growth forests on federal lands". The Forest Service should be required to produce an environmental impact statement before proceeding with this project, one where they take more than a cursory glance at the risks of landslides, flooding, significant water quality impacts, and the many endangered species in the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.