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Comments: Please delay or discard this project.

I am not a woodland biologist and don't pretend to understand all the jargon (scientific or not) included in this plan. I do, however, live on twenty beautiful acres that are bordered almost completely by the "treatment areas" of the DBNF listed in this plan.

From what I learn from organizations such as Kentucky Heartwood, there are several excellent reasons to at least DELAY this plan.

1. There are rare plant species within this region and botanical surveys should be done FIRST before this plan is finalized.
2. The "late successional and old-growth" areas listed are insufficient to truly promote habitat for all species and health for the forest overall.
3. The Forest Plan is outdated. Logging this region to create "early successional habitat" doesn't fit with the National Old-Growth Amendment.

I would like to know how this plan overlays with the Greenwood Vegetation Management plan that is already underway. We have active logging less than a mile from our house and in layman's terms, it looks like clearcutting to me. It is ugly and would seem to be to only be creating optimal conditions for the type of erosion and flash flooding as occurred recently with Hurricane Helene.

As a resident, I'm getting environmental whiplash wondering where you may be logging next. This entire plan seems like a thinly-veiled excuse to make money from logging in the name of protecting one species. While I am not so naïve to think any one of our "public comments" will sway your decision, I do ask you sincerely: Please stop.