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Comments: Again I am objecting to the commencement of this project. It will destroy trees that our environment desperately needs for not only cooling the earth but removing carbon dioxide from our air. We should be encouraging tree growth not cutting down our large trees simply because they are "NOT NATIVE".

This is just a euphemism for "an excuse to log and make money" which we all know is the real motivator for this "project". Please stop this now!!

Rest assured that I will be contacting Senator Mike Braun concerning this, again.

Sincerely, Bo Brashear

Previous object that was submitted to you:

I am writing to you regarding the above subject. I am a horse rider and we, my family and I, do a lot of riding in the Hoosier National Forest. We love this area and Young's Creek is one of our favorite rides. The thought of what this project plans to do in our beloved forest makes me ill. What is particularly sickening is doing all this destruction under the guise of "forest restoration". Andy Maler had the right of it - if you want to restore a forest, leave it ALONE! Also removing trees using the idea that they are "not native" is ridiculous. What possible difference does it make whether a tree is "native" (whatever that means) or not. A tree is a tree and we need all the trees that we can get. I believe the real cause of "global warming" is deforestation. Just look at our cities. They are referred to as "hot spots". Why? Because their temperatures are consistently higher than the surrounding areas and this is because of the lack of trees. You only have to walk into the woods on a hot day to realize this because it is so much cooler under trees. This in turn keeps the earth beneath them cooler.

Let's be honest the real reason for all this is, of course, MONEY. Lumber is at an all time high now. You that are contemplating this project have to know that the forest is just fine like it is but you want the money that the lumber can bring. Please do not do this.