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Comments: I am filing this Notice of Objection pursuant to Title 36 CFR Part 218, in regards to the Jellico Vegetation Management Project in the Stearns Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest, where the responsible official is Kyle Edmonds, District Ranger.

I am against the clear cutting being proposed for 9500 acres or more of the Daniel Boone National Forest area of Whitley and McCreary counties. The negative consequences of this action to the communities and the environment will be devastating and violates the law, regulations and policy of the National Forest Service of managing and conserving our public property in a manner that is environmentally sound and in the best interests of the communities they are supposed to serve. Instead, this action will only serve to exploit and harvest our forest for monetary gain. It will also introduce toxic herbicides and other chemicals to our land and water for many years to come and increase flooding problems, soil erosion and landslides, increasing threats and danger to surrounding farms and citizens. It poses a threat to wildlife in the area being considered for clear cutting, including several species which are endangered. The Forest Service's draft decision fails to consider my previous comments and objections as well as those in my community and compromises that have been put forward to this project such as using selective cutting instead to better manage this public land and help to protect it from invasive species and the other issues I have already listed above. By doing selective cutting, trees are still harvested but are taken in a way that will prevent erosion, pollution and harm to the forest, which is the policy the Forest Service is supposed to embody and follow to properly manage our public lands and national forests. I have previously offered this alternative method of vegetation management and listed objections as to why clear cutting should not be the method used to manage Daniel Boone National forest in Whitley and McCreary counties in my previous comments. Please do not clear cut this land. Instead conserve it responsibly so that it can remain standing for future generations in our area. Do not exploit and harvest our trees this way and further damage an already impoverished and exploited region.