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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 Boon National Forest, where the responsible office is Kyle Edmonds, District Ranger.

It is with great disappointment that I have to write another letter of objection to the plan to log half of the Jellico Mountain forests through the year 2066 with *no* opportunity for public input except for this limited process for people who have already objected. On May 22, 2024, I wrote in favor of Alternative 1, which was hardly ideal, but at least limits the impact of logging on Jellico to 3000 acres over the next six years with no clear-cutting. Alternative 1 has the backing of local communities. And in that letter, I had also asked that Alternative 1 include eliminating invasives such as the tree of heaven or autumn olive in an effort to control other invasives, such as spotted lanternfly, which are now in the Commonwealth. There has been no mention addressing this problem for Appalachian forests and in particular, the unique tree species that provide for a unique floral commodity (i.e., honey) not found anywhere else in the United States.

When the Forest Service begins to log over 50% of Jellico until 2066, it is not just humans that feel the impact. Species such as migratory birds, honey bees and native bees, aquatic amphibians and floral species will also face drastic consequences for decades simply to prop up the timber industry to the neglect of other taxpaying citizens, nonprofits and small businesses.

Since May 2024, my husband and I have brought property in Lee County, which is in the Daniel Boone National Forest. We are watching with dismay this process in which taxpayers in Whitley and McCreary counties organize, spend valuable time to work with Forestry officials and create a reasonable compromise (Alternative 1) only to have their efforts ignored by officials making unilateral decisions that completely leave out communities for DECADES. This is a recipe for disaster for generations, not just the next ten years. Please reconsider Alternative 1 as the possibility moving forward.

Respectfully,
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