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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.

My objection concerns your totally disregarding the Alternative 1 plan (which reduced the acreage of logging to around 3,000 acres with a timeline of 4-6 years and reduced the clearcutting to around 1,000 acres) that you proposed as an alternative to your original massive plan of logging 10,000 acres, 5,000 of which would be clearcut and done over a 40 year period. Almost no one in this community supported your original plan but almost everyone supported the alternative 1 plan. Your original massive plan totally disregards the devastating far-reaching consequences it will have on those of us who live in this community and at the base of these mountains. As stated in my past objections we are the ones who will be impacted by the mud slides, muddy run-off into our creeks, contamination from herbicides that will occur from our steep mountain slopes being clearcut as well as the rampant spread of invasive species that clearcutting promotes. In addition the logging trucks will tear up our rural roads and the noise from them and the logging will destroy the peace and quiet we currently enjoy and all over an unacceptable 40 year period of time. Then there is the destruction of our beautiful views. Gone will be opportunities to hike, study flora and fauna, hunting and other enjoyments of these beautiful forests. The Forest Service was originally created to protect our National Forests but now you seem intent on destroying them under the guise of "managing them", even though we as United States Citizens are co-owners and should have a say in how they are cared for. Even though you have allowed public comment periods you have totally disregarded them and refuse to adopt a lesser plan like Alternative 1. I also totally disagree with your determination of the draft "Finding of No Significant Impact for the Jellico Vegetation Management project". For someone who lives at the base of these mountains it WILL have a devastating impact over a 40year period of time and for all the reasons outlined above. I urge you to adopt a lesser plan like Alternative 1 that would not last over 40 years, not clearcut 5,000 acres, not use such a large amount of herbicides and take seriously the comments of we the people who live here. You should at least be willing to compromise.