

## WHERE IS THIS?

Daniel Boone National Forest surrounding Little Wolf Creek, Mulberry Hollow, Emby Moses, Kensee Hollow, Black Oak, Jellico Creek, Ryan's Creek, Buck's Branch, Osborne Creek, Hayes Creek, Little Rock Creek, and more. See the attached maps.

## THE FOREST SERVICE LISTENED, AND OUR COMMENTS LED TO ALTERNATIVES!

In November 2022, over 300 community members submitted comments to the US Forest Service telling them what we thought of their plans to log almost 10,000 acres (5,000 of it effectively a clearcut) over the next 40 years in Whitley and McCreary counties.

**The US Forest Service took our comments and came back to us with 3 options. They will pick one of these options or a variation and start logging in December 2024.**

### Jellico Mountain Logging Options

1. **Proposed Action:** Almost 10,000 acres logged over the next 40 years until 2064. Of the 10,000 acres, 5,000 acres are a type of clearcut. This plan is not much different from their original 2022 plan.
  - a. 931 acres of outright clearcut.
  - b. 1,805 acres of two-aged shelterwood "similar to a clearcut," removing 85-90% of trees, leaving 10-15% of larger trees per acre.
  - c. 2,434 acres of deferment harvest, two stage clearcut with a second cut removing the remaining trees.
  - d. 4,367 acres of commercial thinning, which is like selective logging.
2. **Alternative 1:** About 3,000 acres logged over the next 4-6 years until 2030. Two of the 3 clearcut methods have been removed.
  - a. 1,122 acres of two-aged shelterwood "similar to a clearcut," removing 85-90% of trees, leaving 10-15% of larger trees per acre.
  - b. 1,811 acres of commercial thinning, which is like selective logging.
3. **Alternative 2:** No Action. Nothing is logged.

## YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Your past comments are THE reason the Forest Service created Alternatives 1 and 2. We are in a new comment period that CLOSSES \*\*\*FRIDAY MAY 24\*\*\*. Tell them what you think. **It's now or never.**

## WAYS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

1. On the US Forest Service website: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=63037> (or [jmlogging.com/comment](http://jmlogging.com/comment))
2. Write comments on paper and mail to Tim Reed, District Manager, 3320 Hwy 27 North, Whitley City, KY 42653
3. Call 606-376-5323 or stop by Stearns Ranger District, 3320 Hwy 27 North, Whitley City, KY 42653

## TIPS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

1. **Be as Specific as You Can.** Say the area where you live and how logging will directly affect you, your family, your community, and your business. Comment on erosion, flooding, creek water quality, herbicide use, invasive species, landslides, noise from trucks, impact on roads, etc. If you want logging, say how you will benefit from loggers visiting your business or how you hope to be one of the loggers who will get the work. Explain how this benefits you and your family.
2. **Advocate for One of the Options.** If you have a preference, say which option you prefer (Proposed Action, Alternative 1, or Alternative 2, see above for descriptions) and why you prefer that option.
3. **Ask For Changes.** Describe any changes you want to the option you prefer, such as less two-aged shelterwood, or fewer acres logged per year. Ask them not to log a certain tract of land because it's too

steep or near your home. Ask for reduced use of herbicides on specific areas. Ask for what you want and explain why.

4. **Provide Suggestions:** Be helpful, offer new ideas or different ways of doing things.
5. **Be respectful.**
6. **Say it in your own words.** Your viewpoint and your voice matters.

## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE MORE USEFUL**

### **Useful Example #1**

“Overall, the Proposed Action is no better and is basically the same as your November 2022 original proposal. For the same reasons I already submitted, I do not support the Proposed Action. I would like to see Alternative 1 with improvements. Do not double the rate of logging per year as you have proposed. Designate more stands as old growth for future generations.”

Then, explain in your own words as specifically as you can why you think this. If there is a specific tract of land planned to be logged that you know is steep, say that. All feedback is helpful.

### **Useful Example #2**

“Overall, the Proposed Action is no better and is basically the same as your November 2022 original proposal. For the same reasons I already submitted, I do not support the Proposed Action. Also, I do not support Alternative 1. While I appreciate that you removed 2 of the 3 forms of clearcutting, you are proposing to log at double the rate versus the Proposed Action. Therefore, I support Alternative 2, which is to log nothing.”

Then, explain in your own words as specifically as you can why you think this. If there is a specific tract of land planned to be logged that contains old-growth trees, say that. All feedback is helpful.

### **Not As Useful**

“I do not support this project at all.”

“I vote for Alternative 1.”

“Clearcutting is ugly.”

“I do not like the government, and I want you to go away.”

### **To Object in Future Project Phases**

To be able to object in the next project phase, be sure your comments are **specific** and include your name and address. You may submit comments anonymously, but you must include your name and address to “have standing” to object in future project phases.

**\*\*\*FRIDAY, MAY 24 is the deadline for submitting comments\*\*\***

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **Submit Comments on the US Forest Service Website**

<https://www.cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=63037> or <https://jmlogging.com/comment>

### **Logging Information Website**

<https://www.jmlogging.com>

### **Community Facebook Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jmlogging>

### **Kentucky Heartwood**

[www.kyheartwood.org](http://www.kyheartwood.org)