

## KENTUCKY: ICE STORM STATE VS. FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

An ice storm hit the Tygart State Forest and the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky on Feb 15-17, 2003. 245 acres were damaged on the State lands and 20,000 acres were damaged on the federal lands.

### **Timely Action: State Forest**

Spring '03- Planning for removal of dead and dying trees on the Tygart State Forest begins

Fall '03- Removal of dead/dying trees begins.

Spring '05- Dead/dying tree removal completed.

Fall '05: The Tygart State Forest plans to restore the damaged habitat in Fall 2005. They plan on planting seedlings in landings, creating more bat habitat, and promoting plant diversity when replanting.



*One of the many areas of ice damaged trees prior to recovery on the Tygart State Forest. Photo by the Kentucky Division of Forestry*



### **Delayed Action: Federal Forest**

Summer '03- The NEPA scoping letter for the National Forest sent out for comment.

Fall '04- Public meeting held to discuss the project's impact on local endangered species.

Winter '04- Biological Assessment and Evaluation was completed

Fall '05- Current projected start date

**Today, most of the dead and downed timber on the Daniel Boone National Forest has already decayed to where it is not economically valuable and will provide little funding to help pay for rehabilitation work.**

**In contrast, the Kentucky Division of Forestry completed tree removal before the federal project even began and has begun to restore bat habitat and other forest values.**