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Comments: My concerns are both for the health of the our forests and ALL the species that call them home, from the forest floor to the birds nesting in the canopy, as well as the health of us humans whose existence and health are so completely intertwined with the forest.

With over 100 straight days of Code Red Air in Atlanta Last Summer, adding more smoke and carbon to the atmosphere from using controlled burns on up to 50 000 acres of forest land in an area that has had so few major fires in the last 30 years doesn't make sense to me. The 360 miles of new bulldozer paths to implement those burns has it's own major impact. As an Herbalist, I am strongly opposed to the amount of disruption on Native plant diversity that so much logging will destroy.

We were impressed with the Volunteer crews inoculating the Hemlocks while we were camping in the Tate City area 2 years ago; might it be an option to engage other educated groups to assist your teams in the new trail building + habitat restoration on a gentler & less expensive scale? I can easily envision work days/ weekends through the fall + winter seasons. Possible resources to connect with could be; Chris Kilgore with Trees Atlanta, the Ga Herbalists Guild, Ga Forest Watch, Friends of Ga St Parks, Sierra Club (working on Joyce Kilmer Forest in WNC each year), the Mushroom Club of GA, The Nature Conservancy, local Eagle Scouts, etc. I would be happy to help get contact info if you are interested in gathering new Allies for truly restoring healthy forests, engaging are citizens &, I have no doubt your foresters would be happier outside than at their desks!

PLEASE RETHINK YOUR IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS. IF I CAN ASSIST YOU WITH CONTACT INFO, PLEASE CALL ME, JOYCE OLIVER AT [REDACTED]. Rabun Cap, GA

60,000 acres of Logging is Unacceptable