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Comments: On behalf of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), I am writing in response to your request for comments concerning the Nantahala National Forest project proposal for the Crossover Project. We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments, as well as our continued partnership with staff of the Cheoah/Tusquitee Ranger District and others within USFS Region 8.

We feel that this proposed project should have no significant negative impacts on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (ANST) or its users.

As this process moves forward, ATC would like to be kept informed of any decisions related to this project proposal that may alter scenic character or require a project level scenery impact analysis of potential visibility as viewed from the ANST or its side trails.

Thank you for your team's work to maintain the unique and exceptional value of our public lands. We appreciate your continued support for appropriate management of the ANST. Please contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you or your staff.