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Comments: Removing forest and impacting trails used by so many is a travesty. Our middle and high school riders have so few places to go and ride their bikes as it is and removing forests in the Jake and Bull Mountain as well as other North Georgia and SC trails would limit them even further. Our kids looks forward to being on the trails, they give back by helping to maintain the trails they ride. We adults are constantly complaining our younger generation should "put down their phones and get outside" and yet their playgrounds in the forests are being threatened. How can we expect the younger generation to have faith that they will have these areas to ride in the future or to teach their kids to ride if we are constantly removing old tree forests, burning along existing trails increasing erosion or logging the forests? Please consider the number of people from around our country and even the world that come to the North Georgia region to enjoy the trails, streams, rivers and lakes, those who come to see the changing of the leaves each and every year. This would and does impact the surrounding areas. Asking us to "give up our rights for 20 years" is despicable at the least! Maintaining our outdoor spaces is imperative to the area. Please leave them alone!!