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Comments: Sirs:

I am writing to say that this project is seriously flawed as it stands now. Much of this area needs restoration, but not as chosen only by aerial photos and statistical projections. We need on site, on the ground studies. Furthermore, the methods suggested for controlling "less desirable" native vegetation should not be herbicides, but rather prescribed fires and mechanical treatments.

We should be using this opportunity to investigate this area for non-native, invasive species and plan for their long term removal.

In addition, I object to the suggestion that up to 90,000 acres which could be logged which out any clear-cut plan. I am a homeowner in the Suches area. I spend much of my hiking and camping time in these Foothills, particularly the Cooper Creek area. It is a beautiful area which should not be destroyed by this project as it is now envisioned.

The one aspect of this project I do support is the setting aside of the 5,000 plus acres of old growth and closing sediment producing roads. That is an excellent idea.

But, in sum, the project as a whole is misconceived. It does not meet my expectations.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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