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Comments: My feeling on this matter:
"I wish to voice my sincere disappointment that the Forest Service is moving forward with this project. Once again, I voice my objection.

With so many comments against this project, many of them well-articulated and as science-based as is possible - from local folks whose very lives will be directly impacted to Appalachian Trail user groups whose trail experience will jeopardized both in terms of safety and wilderness experience - I simply do not understand how the Forest Service can find justification for this work.

This work certainly meets none of the requirements that our Forest Supervisor has expressed repeatedly to us in Foothills public meetings over the last two years:

"We aim to do the right work, in the right place, at the right time."

Seems the "right work" in this case is the work of those who are politically connected.

And the "right place" is adjacent to a wilderness area and our country's most heavily used scenic trail.

And the "right time" is now while politics is on the side of the instigators who wish to usurp our public lands for their own private use.

I hate that the Forest Service is caught between politicians who think they have the power to speak for all the people and the actual grassroots citizens who are directly affected by this project. It's a tough spot to be in.

"Caring for the land and serving people." is the admirable Forest Service motto. But just how does it play out in reality? I hope not like the "right work, right place, right time" slogan of our Forest Supervisor appears to be doing."