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Comments: After attending the USFS review of the foothills landscape project in Dahlonega on December 5th, I would like to document some comments I shared with forest service staff at the meeting.

Relative to construction of new trails or rerouting of current trails at Jake Mountain, my primary concern is public safety. I live near Jake Mountain and also serve as caretaker for a 130 acre farm on Forest Service Road 28-1. I work for the government in a high risk job which requires me to carry and be proficient with multiple types of firearms up to and including fully automatic weapons systems. I consistently target practice near my house to maintain the high level of proficiency that is required of me. Additionally, there is a great deal of small and big game hunting, target practice, and skeet shooting that takes place on the private land parcel. Any new trail in the proximity of my house (in Lilly-Martin subdivision) or the private property would pose a public safety issue. Also, one stated objective of trail use is to create a "pleasant experience" for the user. Lots of nearby gunfire would probably be unnerving for trail users as well as their animals.

I certainly don't object to expansion of the Jake/Bull Mountain facilities or new/ modified trails there. I just wanted to request that any new routing take trail user safety and quality of the experience into consideration.