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Comments: I am opposed to the "new way of doing things" as regards the relationship to the public in the proposed foothills project. I value science, education and experience of the forest service but If our forests are truly "owned" by us the taxpayers, then we should not be deprived of our historic right -as has existed -to weigh in regarding their management and care at due time. This is yet one more erosion of democracy in America. Lack of transparency also creates a climate of distrust on the part the citizenry, rash policy and implementation that could bring unwanted lag time effects both to the ecology as well as USF's administration and lasting long after the administration who executed them or the lag time of ecological effects.