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Comments: I am writing about the Foothills Landscape project the Forest Service is proposing. I am a teacher who mountain bikes and hikes in many of the areas in the proposed project. I understand the need to do forest management through selective cutting and prescribed burns, but I am concerned at the wide-ranging scope of the Landscape project in that it gives free rein to the Forest Service for 20 years without further user input. As a taxpayer and a user of the forests under consideration, I feel I should have the right to know when an area will be sprayed with a chemical of some type, or impacted by a burn or logging. Democracy requires a system of checks and balances and public input is an integral part of that system. Not allowing public input on the use/management of these lands for 20 years is not democratic. I'm not asking that you not log for trees or do prescribed burns - I'm simply asking that there be more frequent, transparent two-way communication with the public before you do.

Thank you,

Heather Wall