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Comments: I value the North Georgia mountain forests as a citizen - because they're so unique and valuable-and as an avid birder, hiker, and sportsman. So I am alarmed to hear of the proposed actions that will apparently include widespread timber cutting, road building, and herbicide application-particularly so, since the specific locations and timing of these actions seems to be a closely held secret, and the process for review and public input very rushed.

These are OUR forests, and WE the citizens need to be fully included in this process, and given ample opportunity to comment, including seeking independent expert review of the merits of the proposed actions. Decisions made now will affect the nature and beauty of this unique resource for decades to come. Now is the time for careful deliberation - not rushed action.

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