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Comments: I am commenting in opposition to the "Foothills Landscape Project". I am one of the thousands of people who cherish these public lands and as a descendent of North-Georgia Cherokee, I feel a very strong connection to the magic and beauty of the lands in the Chattahoochee Forest. These lands are public and there should always be public input into how they are treated-or managed. What is so troubling to me is that public comment would be effectively eliminated and could potentially impact sensitive areas. Additionally, negative climate change implications of logging, burning, and road-building are serious considerations that I feel should be addressed...additionally, impacts on watersheds and delicate habitats need to be examined. Have the true ecosystem costs for this multi-decade project been evaluated? What about the ecosystem benefits to leaving the forest as-is without the extensive logging/burning/road building? Public lands should always be "managed" with input from all stakeholders-and this Foothills Landscape Project is flagrantly defying the rights we have as citizens to have a say in the future of important land in the Chattahoochee National Forest.