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Comments: I have lived in Georgia my entire life. One of my favorite things about this wonderful state are the National Forests. In my youth, I was heavily involved in the Boy Scouts of America. I have spent countless days and nights enjoying recreation in our National Forests and continue to do so to this day. After I rose to the rank of Eagle Scout and graduated high school, I decided to further my education in the natural world with a degree in Ecology from the University of Georgia. I came to understand the delicate ecosystems of my home state and they mean more to me now than ever before. Upon graduating college, I began a career related to upholding environmental policy.

To me this project represents a significant change to my daily life. It represents a significant change to the lives of many young boys and girls eager to venture out and explore the breathtaking beauty of my state. It represents a significant change in the lives of outdoors enthusiasts all over our state.

I implore you to postpone the approval of this proposal until there are defined locations of where these activities will take place and the public is allowed to give feedback on each one. The national forests were established for everyone's benefit and no major changes should happen without complete transparency and an effort to reflect the will of the people. I hope to enjoy the Chattahoochee National Forest for many years to come.