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Comments: I feel it is extremely import that the Forest Service need to give the public site specific information before making a decision.

Adjacent land owners should be able to tell if the Forest Service is planning to spray herbicide in their backyard. Mountain bike riders should be able to tell if they are planning to burn along their favorite trail.

Trout fishers should be able to tell if they are planning to log around their favorite stream.

This is not asking the Forest Service for anything new. This is what they have given the public for years. Example comment letters and topic-specific info on: special areas, recreation, and logging and herbicides-starting the first week in January, 2020

The Foothills Landscape Project spans from the South Carolina border to Chatsworth and encompasses 157,625 acres, more than a fifth of the entire Chattahoochee National Forest. The project includes vegetation, road, and recreation management, and proposes up to 55,000 acres of commercial timber harvests and 63,000 acres of herbicide application. It also includes some of our most cherished places:

the lower Chattooga River, well-known for whitewater rafting, and one of our major wildlife habitat corridors

the Jake and Bull Mountain trails, enjoyed by mountain bikers and horseback enthusiasts, and one of the most popular multi-use trail systems on the forest

Grassy Mountain, home to the biggest block of old growth forest we have left in north Georgia

The Foothills are the gateway to the mountains, and the effects of this project will be difficult to avoid when visiting the mountains. Previously, the Forest Service has pursued logging and land management projects one watershed at a time, leaving similar areas untouched. But with Foothills, they're doing the entire landscape-and if they take the wrong approach, the whole area will be impacted. The scale of the project and lack of information identifying what and where is highly unacceptable.

Another big problem with the Foothills Landscape Project:

it asks people to give up their rights to participate for the next 20 years.

This does not promote a good relationship with the public and is absolutely unacceptable.