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Comments: I understand the purpose of land management, why it needs to be done for the reasons of invasive plant & animal species needing to be removed for others to survive and flourish, hunting to keep the populations healthy, & the removal of heavy underbrush along with the thinning of dense forest patches for less destructive fire potential.

However, I am concerned when these types of projects are implemented without public comment on to exactly where they are being proposed, how they are going to be managed and with the potential in years to come, as I learned might be the case, without comment, as to give carte blanche for the next 25 years.

NO... Without public comment, Will these areas be managed in a way in a very destructive manner? Less public outcry getting in the way. ? Quick, clear cutting of areas, get in, get out type of management?

I am a tree lover, all things trees, and my heart breaks when any area needs management, for something always pays a heavy price, be it the animals that live there or the scars you permanently leave behind, but I know it needs to be done.

Getting to the point. :) I am mostly concerned on how it will be done. Clear cutting is a definite NO. My main concern is how are invasive plants and heavy underbrush removed? Is Fire or chemical applications of Glyphosate being used? Glyphosate is not a forest friend.

We are avid nature lovers, who hike just about every weekend in these woods, swim when it's warm and forage in all months for personal consumption for fungi.

If chemicals are being used, especially Glyphosate RoundUP, this chemical will not only destroy the underbrush you desire to be removed, but will also cause harmful impacts on many other microorganisms affecting the future of the soil, watershed, streams, rivers, upstream and even downstream and the flora and fauna living within these areas.

Can we trust that these things will remain healthy and viable if managed with chemicals this way? Please choose Wisely No Clear Cutting & No ROUND UP.

Thank you.