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Comments: My biggest concern with the Foothills Project is that the plan will not allow the public to have any input when the specific sites for treatments are selected. This plan covers a huge amount of forests and you are not telling us exactly where you will be cutting trees or spraying herbicides. I attended two Foothills meetings in Rabun County, most recently in December 2019. I was very disappointed that the attendees were not allowed to have questions answered in a group setting. This did not feel like you valued our input as citizens at all. I've been told by the Forest Service that you will continue to listen to our concerns after the plan is implemented but I don't see any guarantee of that in the plan. In the past, thanks to the NEPA process, the Forest Service has worked with citizens and special interest groups to minimize damage to streams, wildlife and rare plants on specific sites. That is the kind of collaboration I would like to see continue. Please put the NEPA process back into the Foothills plan. The public deserves to have a voice in the management of OUR forests.