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Comments: Dear caretakers of the Chattahoochee National Forest,

Thank you for making the Chattahoochee National Forest possible. It has been the majestic backdrop to some of my most important memories of the last few years. I don't have children, but if I am blessed with them one day, I hope to bring them to feel wonder and awe at the world we are lucky to live in.

I am saddened to hear that you are considering granting access to such a wide swatch of the Chattahoochee to commercial interests. I also feel deeply uncomfortable with the way that this proposal was pushed forward quietly over the holidays, denying the public adequate time to engage with these changes. And indeed, the changes are great, removing us members of the public from future opportunities to opine on the use of our public lands. Such a process of seemingly purposeful alienation of public participation is at odds with the intention of our national parks as land uniquely guarded by the public interest.

Thank you for giving your work to our public lands--I know it is both an important job but not an easy one, likely full of difficult choices. I ask that you please do not move forward with this proposal.

Best wishes,

Maggie