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Comments: I am concerned about the lack of public input in your process to date. Do not closeout the NEPA process before the public can know specifically where you plan to do the projects you want to do. I am concerned with the lack of information about exactly where and when you will be cutting trees, reworking trails, and burning areas near many of my favorite trails and camping areas. I am worried that when we are planning our hikes and camping trips, we will be unable to know if the area is in a project area. I want to keep the long standing practice of being notified and given an opportunity to have a say in where management and disturbances occur.

We would like to know because many of the activities planned in this project do not provide a pleasing environment for my family and I to enjoy. In general, Forest Service projects seem to mess up an area, take a long time to complete and re-grow, and sometimes look worse. I would hope recreation areas, trails, and unique areas like Georgia's Mountain Treasure areas will get special consideration in Foothills Landscape and future project proposals.

If the Forest Service does not plan to include the public in site-specific decisions before implementing, I would like the Forest Service to specifically identify and explicitly prohibiting cutting, herbicide application, and road work close to trails in the Foothills Landscape. I would like my experiences on the trails within Foothills and in the National Forest to reflect a sense of natural beauty.