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Comments: I want to please ask the USFS to continue to allow public Comments on projects before they are implemented. There are serious considerations that require the public input to what is an urban forest near one of the largest metropolitan centers in the SE USA. The Foothills Landscape Project would cause damage to the watershed for millions of people by disturbing the forest floor, using herbicides like the cancer causing Roundup which kills the plants down to their roots which are connected by fungi and bacteria to other trees.

Climate Change Science has predicted increased extreme rain events for this area. Increasing roads into the forest will cause more run off and siltation into the watershed. Cutting down trees will also increase runoff and damage the soil ecosystems. There is new science showing interactions between trees that to my knowledge the USFS has failed to study the harm caused by soil disturbance to what is called "The Wood Wide Web". Instead of disturbance more attention needs to be placed on mitigation of climate related extreme weather events. For example restoring beavers to their former density prior to trapping in order to increase watershed capacity to prevent or lessen downstream flooding.

Issues like the above require more local and multidisciplinary input on a project by project basis.