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Comments: Dear officer,

National forests like the Chattahoochee and Oconee have always inspired me to work for the preservation of our natural wonders worldwide. I visit the forest for hiking, camping and simply admiring Mother Nature. Many of my friends and relatives who visit us are amazed by the large areas of unspoiled wilderness in North Georgia. I understand that you are looking at creating a recreation area in the forest that is twice the size of the city of Atlanta! I agree there is a need for some commercial facilities in parts of the forest. Could we atleast know what the plan is before you commit funds and resources to the project? It is not specific at the moment and that concerns me. Please take a moment to step back and explain your plan to the residents and the steps you are taking to minimize the environmental effects of this project. Thank you.