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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jewett,

I am very concerned about the Foothills Landscape Project for the following reasons;

- excludes the public from knowing which areas will be treated with herbicides and logged
- calls for herbicide application on over 65,000 acres
- does not follow USFS mandate of performing an independent assessment of pesticide safety
- massive use of said chemicals does not take into consideration the impact on the soil microbes and fungi that are critical to a healthy forest, not to mention the unique species of invertebrates and vertebrates that live in these natural areas and that depend on these plants
- includes plan to log over 8000 acres of mid to late age oak and pine trees
- excessive thinning of trees in vast areas of our national forests
- building even more roads , thus further fragmenting what is left of our intact forest which will just facilitate the introduction and spread of invasive species and further degrade our streams

I am writing as a concerned citizen that believes that, as adults we have a shared responsibility to take care of our precious natural resources for now, and for the future so that the beauty and wonder of nature can be experienced right here in North Georgia.

I love our forests as places of renewal for the spirit and hope for the future. We have ruined so much of our natural heritage in the past, please take great care in managing what we have left,

Thank you,

Vickie Peace

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