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Comments: My biggest concern about the Foothills Landscape Project is one of process and here's why: In the past, the Forest Service has decided to drop an average of 243 acres of timber harvest from each project in order to avoid harms identified by the public to wildlife, soil, water, rare species, roadless areas, recreational opportunities, and old-growth.
Those improvements would not have happened without public knowledge, involvement, and scrutiny. But with the Foothills project that public involvement will be sidelined. The public's tools for oversight
of the government, the NEPA process, will be completed and no longer in place, right as the Forest Service is making decisions about exactly where their management projects will occur. Please put the NEPA process back into the Foothills plan. Georgia's forests are too important for anything less than full consideration of the impact of any management actions.