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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jewett,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Foothills Landscape Project.

I am writing to you because I just had the opportunity to visit this gorgeous area last weekend and I found myself renewed in a way that is hard to find in Atlanta where I live. I saw a hawk just feet away, beautiful trees and streams coursing through. Wild areas like this are gems in our metropolitan areas, and important places for wildlife and spiritual renewal. I am lucky enough to currently be pregnant, and I would like to share places like this with my daughter one day. I know it's important to be good stewards of the land, and prevent fires by controlled means, and also important to control invasive species. But I am concerned about the lack of specifics with regards to how much burning, logging and herbicide application may be involved in this project, and how little time the public has to consider how these things would impact the quality of their visit to this beautiful area. I personally would not bring my young daughter to a park that had recently been sprayed - I don't want to expose her to more chemicals. I also wouldn't find the peace I seek outside the city next to a logging area. If you've ever been to one, you know that these are busy, noisy, smelly areas - hardly the peaceful forest I know know.

It seems that there are not enough specific parameters for the public to make an informed decision about one of the largest natural areas in Georgia. I would like more information for myself and my fellow Georgians to better understand what is best for our foothills.

Thank you for your work.

Respectfully yours,
Elizabeth