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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jewett,

As an American taxpayer, Georgia resident, long-time hiker and birder, I am interested in learning specifics about how my tax dollars are being used for the proposed Foothills Landscape Project.

You are in a position to provide positive public outreach and clear information about exactly where roads will be cut through the forest and which trees will be cut.

Public outreach is an important part of Forest Service work. I support prescribed burns and removal of invasive plants, but I cannot support Forest Service plans (such as the Foothills Landscape Project) unless there is transparency.

Road work and tree removal plans are particularly worrisome for me and other concerned members of the public. Roads damage forest soil, leave scars on the land, contribute to soil erosion. We are also very concerned about how damaging roads are to birds and wildlife that depend on contiguous forests. Sadly, roads cut through large forests open up many areas for edge species to move in and displace other species.

I urge you to include the public in site-specific plans before implementing such plans. Public outreach and transparency is much appreciated by all of us who greatly care about our national forests.

Thank you for reading this!

Lizzy - concerned citizen