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Comments: Hello and thank you for providing a venue for comments to be received.

I'm now a resident of Mississippi after having lived in Athens, GA for 14 years. I recreated and utilized the Chattahoochee National Forest on many occassions and still make visits back every year to take it in. My wife and I love hiking together and many of our great memories have been made in the National Forest.

I personally enjoy whitewater kayaking, fly fishing, hiking, trail running, backpacking, and mountain biking in the Chattahoochee National Forest. The opportunities to recreate bring incredible value to the people of the state.

I respectfully ask you to consider the impact of this project given the lack of provision for the public to be involved in the input process for the management of these public lands. The limitations currently outlined for the involvement of the public voice and important stakeholders isn't in line with the way that public lands should be managed. Please consider the impact of decisions made now on our future and our children and children's children.

Please listen to the voice of the people and work together with stakeholders to best utilize the way public lands are managed. The impact of this Foothills plan is immense and great care should be utilized to ensure it's proper implementation (with public and stakeholder input beyond the logging companies and others who wish to extract resources).

Thank you for reading and considering this input.