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Comments: Please do not pass the Foothills Landscape project! This land is sacred to many people, not just for recreational reasons, but also for historical ones.

My Great Grandfather, John V Arrendale lived and worked in Rabun County. Having an Agriculture degree from UGA (1905), he knew the value of the land. He worked his entire life to help ensure that people for generations would be able to enjoy this land for many years to come. We have Black Rock Mountain State Park today, because of his passionate efforts to protect that land.

The land was also sacred to Native American tribes. It was the beginning of the trail of tears, and many people can trace their roots back to that area.

This proposal would damage the beauty and integrity that has existed and been protected for centuries. It would affect all of us who love the North Georgia Mountains, whether native or not.

I also feel this proposal is extreme. While I understand the need to protect against fires, building 350 miles of roads to do is crazy. I also don't understand why the state has to pick this beautiful area to log. There are many managed forests in Georgia already, in areas less popular and better suited to log. Why drag logging trucks and their polluting into such a beautiful place, to climb curvy, narrow mountain roads!?!

It just downloaded make sense. Please to not pass the Foothills Landscape project!