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Comments: I have been interested in the Foothills Landscape Project 52509. As co-owner of public forests, I have several concerns about the proposal:

Consultation with the public on management decisions must be an integral part of any management plan.

Location and management strategies must be fully disclosed before strategies are undertaken, with public input considered.

While forests serve many purposes, I believe priority should be given to the natural resource value they provide. Any management action must consider the effect on the entire ecosystem -- its water, wildlife, natural processes and biological diversity. The environment faces many perils in the 21st century; it is vital that the Forest Service, guardian of our national forests, protect them from preventable damage and exploitation.