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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns about the massive amount of logging that is described within the Foothills Landscape Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and associated documentation, including the Vegetation Plan. It is especially concerning that the public is not being made aware of the specific projects and specific areas of work.

While management of the forest is certainly not always a bad thing, cutting new roads through these areas as well as applying herbicides throughout much of the foothills area is disturbing. The public needs to know the plan!

The ecosystems of the Southern Appalachians are incredibly complex.

Cutting trees in some areas can be relatively harmless but cutting trees in the wrong places can have devastating effects. Please fix the Foothills! Do not close out the NEPA process before the public can know specifically where you plan to do the projects you want to do.

On a final note, I grew up in the Southern Appalachians, and no place is dearer to me in the entire world. I want to see the forest service protect and ensure the health of its forests and ecosystems. I'm not confident that will happen without seeing the plans.