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Comments: I strongly oppose the Forest Service's proposal to gut the NEPA! The Forest Service is writing itself a blank check for logging, road building, burning and other activities that may not occur for a generation.

Ultimately, the proposal gives the Forest Service free rein to implement potentially detrimental actions for decades to come. The worst aspect of the Foothills Landscape Project proposal is that it would strip the public's input on management decisions. As part of the project, the Forest Service will not make decisions about where logging, burning, and road building will occur until public participation opportunities guaranteed by law have passed. The people deserve a seat at the table!

Critically, even the Forest Service does not know the locations of areas it will log, burn, build roads, or change recreation access but proposes to figure that out later, after public participation opportunities have passed. The most the agency is disclosing is that it plans to pursue the following activities somewhere in the 157,000-acre project area:

60,000+ acres of commercial timber harvest

50,000 acres of prescribed burning

Constructing 360 miles of new bulldozer paths to facilitate prescribed burning

Herbicide application across as much as 74,500 acres

Grinding vegetation to wood chips using industrial machinery on up to 83,000 acres

Building an undisclosed amount of "new temporary" roads

Rerouting up to 111 miles of trail

Decommissioning trails and dispersed camping areas

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The Forest Service's proposal is dead wrong on so many levels!

Public lands are owned and shared by all of us. The public should be made aware of all activities involving the management of their lands and should be given a meaningful opportunity to share concerns about specific actions. That requires knowing where actions will occur on the ground.

The blanket approval for a mammoth project would go on for decades, and runs counter to how our national forests should be managed.

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