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Comments: I am writing to comment on the proposal to log, rather indiscriminately, the vulnerable public lands for profiteering by companies that may or may not have a vested interest in the health and longevity of the biome and the people of Georgia. Studies show that deforestation is one of the most concerning ecological challenges we face. In my immediate environment, changes to our microbiome have led to a marked reduction in wildlife, insects, and a marked increase in erosion and waterway pollution. Air quality is also of concern, with increased burning and reduced carbon sink. Trees and undisturbed protected public lands are vital to the beauty, wildlife management, recreational industry, air and water quality, topsoil preservation, and public interest in Georgia. Please protect this precious and vulnerable resource, the beauty of the Blue Ridge foothills that define North Georgia!