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Comments: Public participation in government, at all stages, is an inherent part of democracy. By staging the Foothills project so that participatory deadlines are intentionally allowed to sunset Long before decisions are made, USFS is bypassing the intent of public participation laws. I fully encourage good forest management, but those management decisions MUST balance all interests involved. Those interests will likely change over time, and USFS's current plan will not incorporate those new interests. I oppose the project in it's current form.