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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to address the new proposal, the Foothills Landscape Project #52509. As I have read, the project proposed logging and use of some toxic herbicides on a landscape that is near and dear to my heart. While logging is necessary at times, lumber can be just as efficiently sourced from tree farms. It is my opinion that land should only be cleared when necessary, such as for civic development or to control the spread of wildfires. New growth is good, but old growth forests have value that humans simply do not recognize. Specifically, they provide ample habitat for the local fauna, which is part of the appeal of this pristine landscape. While I understand the necessity, I ask that you carry out this logging project with respect for the natural beauty of the landscape. Practice restraint and good stewardship of the land and it will pay dividends later.

As a fly fishing enthusiast and someone who is well versed in the sciences, I can only imagine what these herbicides will do to the Chattooga once they leech into the soil. I know for certain that the effect will be negative to the insect, fish, and bird populations of the river. Please consider the impact that this will have on the local inhabitants, animals and humans, as well as the impact on tourism and other businesses.

There must be safeguards in place to preserve this land. Please consider the impact of your decisions in full before tainting this pristine landscape. Whatever damage occurs cannot be undone, only mitigated. Consider this before the first tree falls.

Regards,

William Callicott