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Comments: Dear Sir/Madame

I live only minutes from these beautiful mountains and trials. All my life (57 year) we have hiked, camped and visited the beautiful area. I've hiked countless miles through the area, swam in the cold waters, visited sites of history and I have always thought of the foothills as a sacred place. Please do not allow this atrocity to happen to my beloved mountains. My entire family have appreciated the beauty that is called the blue ridge. How could you take that away from all who love these majestic mountains. I hope to take my young grandson to visit and hike these wonderful trails. Not only would it devastate me and my family but all that visit this beautiful land. The impact of deforesting would have a devastating impact not only to the community but to the world. I pray that this proposal will end and that our mountains and foothills will forever stay the same. Thank you