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Comments: I commend the U.S. Forest Service for their plan to apply management such as prescribed burning and forest thinning to the Chattahoochee National Forest. However, it is imperative that the public be given the proper amount of options for input into these proposals. I could cite numerous examples where this did not occur in National Forests throughout the country and the fallout of that way of doing things resulted in a diminished reputation of the agency in addition to a diminished quality of our public lands.

Please consider creating stringent requirements for public input on all management activities that will impact more than 500 acres. Please also seek outside subject matter expert input on all planned management prior to the official publication of any management plan.

Again, I am pleased to see the aggressive and necessary management plans for the forest but, at the end of the day, it is the public's forest as much as anyone's. There's a win-win and a win-lose way of doing things and I implore you to choose the former.