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Comments: I am concerned about the current proposals for the Foothills Landscape forest areas that would have us give up comments and input for next twenty years on logging, herbicide application and prescribed burning for specific areas that will impact the users of the forest and those living adjacent to it. We don't know if the same dedicated Forest Service representatives will still be in this area in the next twenty years to continue the stewardship that is in place right now. There seems to be quite a bit of relocation of employees these past several years. So that is yet another concern.

I have invested three years of my time to attending the Foothills collaboration meetings and can understand the need for certain management practices and am in favor of prescribed burning but those living adjacent to the area to be treated and those using those recreational areas need to be informed and allowed some input. As a trail worker and user of those trails, I am concerned about any of those management practices being planned that will directly affect my use and enjoyment of those trails. I am sure that various other user groups share my same concerns. My desire is to still have the opportunity to voice my concerns, have them considered, and have input on proposed management plans.

I hope my concerns will be considered and will make a difference in how the users are allowed to input and interact with the forest service in the future. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to voice our opinions. However, we will be watching to see if our comments have any impact on your plans for the future.

From this proposed twenty year plan, I am getting the impression that the amount of logging, use of herbicides and prescribed burning is much more extensive than what we were told in the last collaboration meeting. That causes me great concern. The public and the users of this forest still need to have input as the years pass and plans for action are put into place. This is vital to have in order for the volunteers to continue to make the commitment to support the forest service efforts. If we no longer have a voice, I fear many will just give up and stop supporting the forest service with the thousands of volunteer hours and will likely find other parks and areas to focus their efforts.

I hope and pray that my comments and that of other users are taken into consideration and the outcome is a Win, Win for all.