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Comments: I support the Foothills Landscape Project 52509.

Our National Forest in north Georgia is in desperate need of timber management. I have hiked, camped, hunted, and fished on the National Forest since 1987 when I was a teenager. I have introduced my children and their friends to the great public land properties that we have access to.

In the past 15 years I have seen the steep decline in wildlife numbers and diversity on these properties, especially in places like the old Lake Burton WMA, Blue Ridge WMA, and on the Chattahoochee National Forest surrounding the Cohutta Wilderness. I strongly believe that the reason for this is the lack of successional habitat.

Please - let's actually manage the national forest for the benefit of the land, its wildlife, and the owners (the American public). The management of national forest not only helps the land and the wildlife - it also supports and grows other areas that are positively affected by citizens actively using the public lands. Timber harvesters have work, the NFS sells wood products and funds improvements, forest fire risk is reduced, local businesses benefit from more traffic into the north Georgia mountains, DNR sales increases for license sales, wildlife populations grow, and so forth.

Please approve this plan.

Thanks.

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