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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

As a volunteer on the CONF, specifically the Jake & Bull Mtn Trail System, I am against this USFS proposal to have unlimited control for decades on what will be done on the CONF. Each major project should be reviewed and discussed prior to being approved.

We have been told by the CONF supervisor that the focus for the CONF will be on recreation. But based on what we are reading, that is not so.

You can't timber and burn and expect people to continue to recreate in the "hell" that is left.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer time has been spent on the Jake & Bull Mtn trail system.

To timber and burn most of it, along the trails, would ruin the user experience. And would take away the premier trail system in the state of Georgia.

Dry Creek trail system has been timbered to the point it is just plain ugly. Why ride there? who wants to look at the disaster that's left? Not to mention that loggers destroy the trails and then users are no longer able to find them.

The Talledagha National Forest in AL has been logged and burnt to the same point - why bother to go there?

So, if the USFS truly wants to manage for recreation - why would you also want to timber and burn in those recreation areas?

USFS and volunteers have put in countless hours and dollars to make these the best trails in the southeast. How can you even think about destroying them?

I ask the USFS to reconsider this initiative. This land belongs to the citizens. The USFS is only the land manager. The citizens, as owners, must continue to have input in the major decisions that will impact our land.

I am not in agreement with what you are proposing.

Please do not destroy the best trail system in Georgia.

If you do, then folks are going to go to other states to recreate.

thank you!

Christine