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Comments: The project eliminates public comment and was announced right before the holidays to make sure the amount of comments were limited. I want our forests \*protected\* and citizens deserve input into what happens to \*our\* public lands.

This project could allow many more roads, tree cutting, and herbicide application on our forests, all without public input or notification. That is wrong. This project could go on for decades. Public lands are owned and shared by all of us. The public should be made aware of all activities involving the management of their lands and should be given a meaningful opportunity to share concerns about specific actions. That requires knowing where actions will occur on the ground.

This blanket approval for a mammoth project—approximately 95 times bigger than the average Forest Service timber project in the Southern Appalachian Mountains—runs counter to how our national forests should be managed.