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Comments: I write as a regular user of National Forest land and specifically, the well maintained and amazingly diverse lands of North Georgia. Living within sight of Chattahoochee Oconee National Forest land and using trails or waterways on and in the forest each week, I have grown to appreciate how well managed this forest is and how much the forest stewards care for our public land.

When learning of the Foothills Landscape Project, my family (myself, my wife and two daughters) discussed our concerns and decided that voicing them to the Forest Service was needed.

As stewards of our public land, we were surprised to learn that some if not all aspects of the plan, if implemented, would eliminate public comments and input for up to 20 years. This is counter to the mission of being stewards of our land and these aspects of the Foothills Landscape Project must be removed or rearchitected significantly.

Reading through plans to use herbicide over large areas of National Forest land is counter to the stated goals of returning some or all of the forest to a vibrantly healthy state. There are many options to the use of herbicide to include managed events such as prescribed burn that better mimic 'natural' events and do not introduce complex and toxic chemicals into our forests.

Finally, the construction of hundreds of miles of roads for logging and to some extent controlled burns, in a forest that already feels the pressure of a growing metro Atlanta and expansion of most mountain communities, is excessive. Blanket approval of roads in bulk is counter to smart, adaptive and community supported planning. Some road creation may be highly appropriate, a 20 year blanket approval is not.

Living next to the Chattahoochee Oconee National Forest and being weekly, active users of an amazingly well run forest has greatly increased our quality of life and provided a wonderful place for our family to raise our two children. We as a family believe that the concerns listed above, could greatly impact the nature of the forest and how our family and others use, enjoy and ultimately pass on this amazing legacy to future generations.

We strongly encourage the US Forest Service to take these concerns and others into consideration before moving forward with the Foothills Landscape Project. We are open to any further discussions that may benefit the decision making and planning process.

Thank you!