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Comments: For 30 years I have enjoyed the beauty and the serenity of the Cohutta Wilderness. I have hiked almost every trail in the Cohutta and found connections with God in those mountains. Jacks River Falls was a frequent destination until it was closed to camping. I do understand why it was closed because of the neglect it was receiving from the popularity of such a beautiful place and the human nature of those who don't care to abuse the area. We have taken day hikes to the falls since, but it is not the same.

Since the Big Frog Wilderness area has been added, I have expanded my adventures into that Wilderness Area. With an area so vast and beautiful with so many resources to provide our nation with clean drinking water and clean air, I have found it hard to understand how this project has been initiated in 2016 and the comment period ending soon without any notice that I have found, until I read about it in today's Chattanooga Times Free Press. A project this big with the potential consequences it may bring should have been given more notice to the visitors as well as the residents of the area. We all should have been given first more notice and understanding of what the overall plan is, but also we should have been given a longer period of time to meet and have explained to us the advantages and consequences of such a large project.

With our beautiful and vast resources disappearing with every tree that is cut, it is important that our nation takes a serious look at what we are leaving to those who will be coming behind us in the future.

Your plan may be good for the area, but since i have only one day to comment I find it important to do so without taking the time to research exactly what the plan is. I just hope serious consideration has been given to the impact such a huge project will have on our beautiful national forests.