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Comments: As a National Forest user and federal taxpayer, I have reviewed the Foothills Project draft EA and offer the following input.

I support:

- \* CONF efforts to streamline its planning processes and refocus your staff time and funds on the production of goods and services for the public.
- \* Alternative 2, the proposed action, over the No Action alternative.
- \* Your adaptive management approach to plan implementation.
- \* The use of watersheds as the appropriate Project Implementation Areas.
- \* Restoration of forest habitat diversity and improving the abundance of fish and wildlife populations, especially early successional species.
- \* Active forest management to achieve your fish and wildlife goals. This includes commercial timber harvest, which can provide revenues for road maintenance ( and reduce stream sedimentation) and wildlife projects.
- \* Fuels management to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire, which is a HUGE risk to coldwater stream ecosystems.
- \* Aquatic organism passage.
- \* Restoration of channel complexity and aquatic habitat to restore stream fish populations and enhance their resiliency.
- \* Road system maintenance to reduce stream sedimentation.
- \* More efforts to retrofit small lakes with deep releases, so that warm discharges to downstream trout waters are reduced or eliminated.
- \* Enhancing recreational opportunities on lakes and streams, with your budget constraints. Partnership opportunities abound here.
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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on a very good draft plan and EA by your staff. I look forward to its finalization and, most importantly, it's timely IMPLEMENTATION.