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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.