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Comments: I am a hunter, fisherman and hiker. I am in the fChattahoochee National Forest 4-5 times per week. 30 years ago a person could hear grouse drumming regularly. Deer sign could be found along any lForest Service Road and Turkeys were could be viewed while you could hear their gobbling each spring almost anywhere. I hunt the Chestatee Wildlife Management Area regularly. Very little deer sign can be found in areas where I used to hunt. Whereas at one time this sign could be found while driving the roads. Much of our forest has reached a climax stage. And if the mast crop is poor this climax forest is virtually a biological desert. I strongly believe we must manage our forest to increase diverse ecosystems which would include various stages of plant development. The forest should contain herbaceous stages, brushy areas, young woodlands and mature woodlands. This creation of more diverse habitats would increase carrying capacities of all species. This management style could be accomplished through selective cut timber management and more use of food plot establishment. I strongly support this management plan and strongly resent the uneducated activists holding our Forest Service lans hostage.