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Comments: I'm writing because I am concerned about the huge amount of logging proposed in the Foothills Landscape Project. I've read that over 50,000 acres will be logged to "open up the canopy". I live very near the Chattahoochee National Forest in Rabun County and spend as much time as possible in the forest hiking and birding. I moved to Rabun County because of the beauty of the forest and the abundance of outdoor recreation options. I've seen areas after they have been "thinned" and they are unsightly to say the least. I would hate to see that happen to our forests. The economy of North Georgia depends on the beautiful scenery and opportunities for people to get outside and enjoy nature. Logging of this magnitude would have a negative impact on tourism as well as the citizens who live near the forests. Thank you for listening to my concerns.