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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Foothills Project. I own land that backs up to a part of the Chattahoochee National Forest that will be impacted by this project. We enjoy hiking this area. My family has owned this property for over fifty years. We have seen the National forest land flourish in spite of setbacks from tornadoes, logging, and clear-cutting. We care deeply about the management of this area now and into the future. My concern with the foothills project is the lack of information about exactly where and when you will be cutting trees, replanting new species, and burning or spraying areas near our favorite trails. I am concerned that this area, having undergone an extensive clear cut nearly forty years ago, will be torn up once again. What we see as a beautiful example of natural forest succession will be cleared for planting saplings preferred by today's generation of forest managers. This land is a watershed. For that reason I also have concerns about herbicide application. I wonder if you might consider using the natural deterrent of controlled burning for the control of invasive plants? My family and our neighbors hope you will listen to public input, take our experiences seriously, and protect the beauty that we enjoy each day in this national forest. Thank you.