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Comments: I encourage the Forest Service to hit the brakes on the Foothills Landscape Project and not try to conduct its environmental analysis or satisfy public participation requirements before it makes decisions about where actions will occur.
I am very concerned about the fact that this Foothills Landscape Project as currently formulated will not allow the public to utilize the established NEPA process at the time site-specific locations for treatments are being established. The ecosystems of the Southern Appalachians are incredibly complex. Cutting trees in some areas can be relatively harmless but cutting trees in the wrong places can have devastating effects. Please fix the Foothills! Do not closeout the NEPA process before the public can know specifically where you plan to do the projects you want to do.