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Comments: Due to the importance of forests in protecting the quality of our water coming from our headwaters, I would like to see more detailed plans. This would reassure the public that the best management practices are being used to prevent silt or herbicides from entering the headwaters now protected by forested land.

Although the addition of more roads will allow more public access to the area there are concerns that the increased access would lead to abuses seen in national forest area that receive a lot of ATV and UTV traffic. In areas of the Broad River, the abuse is so significant that creeks have silted in the lead to the loss of fish habitat.

Prescribed burns are great for decreasing fire danger, and improving habitat. It appears that the Forest Service needs to do a better job at educating the public on the benefits of prescribed fire, especially as it applies to this area.

Special care should be given to describing the work being done in the area of the old growth forest. These habitats are very unique, and the public needs to be reassured that the best management practices are being used in these areas, with corridors in between the areas to allow the movement of wildlife dependent which prefers this habitat.