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Comments: I object to the Foothills Landscape Project. My ancestors and family have resided in Rabun County for generations. While I personally do not live there, I visit often and have spent substantial time in the area over my lifetime. Georgia's Chattahoochee National Forest is some of the most beautiful wilderness in North America. Not only is it disturbing that these beautiful and valuable public lands would suffer from logging, burning, and roadbuilding from the Foothills Landscape Project during the decades ahead, but also that members of the public will be denied any voice or input on managing the highly consequential decisions impacting these lands--lands that actually belong to the taxpaying public. It is clearly wrong to remove all transparency from the process; furthermore, this leaves the distasteful impression that the Forest Service is attempting to hide future plans that it knows the public will find highly objectionable.