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Comments: I lived in Cleveland Ga from 1988 to 1993. During that time I hunted, hiked, and camped throughout the North Georgia national forests very frequently. It was my main source of recreation. After a short work transfer to another state, I returned in 1996. Since then, I maintained a level of recreation in the North Georgia mountains. Throughout this time, I have witnessed the precipitous decline of deer, grouse, and other species due to the ban on logging in the mountains. I am total support of the professional scientists managing the national forests through the Foothills Landscape Project, and other projects, to return the land to active management to enhance the wild habitat. The data collected by the DNR on deer harvest by county clearly illustrates the decline of the habitat in the mountains. The State of Georgia Wildlife Biologists, and DNR, have clearly illustrated their competence over the years with the improvement of the deer heard and other species throughout the state. This is proven by the number of out of state deer hunters that come to Georgia to hunt because of the quality of the deer heard.

I am in total support of these projects, and urge that the state moves forward on them. Any lawsuits generated by opposition should be prioritized through the court systems for the fastest resolution possible.