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Comments: The Forest Service is writing itself a blank check for logging, road building, burning and other activities that may not occur for a generation. The proposal could impact recreational areas, including the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River Corridor, DeSoto Falls, Warwoman Dell, Dicks Creek, and portions of the Bartram and Pinhoti Trails. Eliminating the public from the decision-making process surrounding projects on their public lands is not the right approach. National forest users-including hikers, bikers, hunters, wildlife watchers and scenic drivers-won't know which areas are on the chopping block until the opportunities for public involvement required by federal law have long passed. These people deserve a seat at the table, and I am opposed because this runs counter to how our national forests should be managed.