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Comments: I have reviewed in brief the proposal regarding management of the USFS lands in north Georgia. I have several concerns, especially that the entire report is clearly biased towards Option 2. Such reports, as I understand their purpose, are to explain management options available in an unbiased fashion so that interested parties can make an informed decision. This report is definitely not unbiased. Additionally, I find it concerning that no new recreational trails can be added without corresponding closure of existing trails to provide for a zero net increase in trail mileage, and that such closures apparently are not subject to public notice or input. Finally, while I understand that effective forest management includes selective logging, such operations are referred to as "treatments" in the text, which appears to be intended to divert attention from them. This approach is disingenuous, at best, and unrepresentative of the actual operations being discussed.