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Comments: I appreciate the ability to comment on such a vast and long term project. My key points of consideration are: I support alternative 2 as a base course of action. The toolbox approach seems viable and allows for adaptive practices for the future. As someone that uses the National Forests on a regular basis, I have witnessed a large increase of recreational users in the past years. It is necessary to provide proper trails and roadways that mitigate erosion and sediment runoff. The planting of native trees, especially hemlocks and chestnut, and other vegetation will play a vital role in keeping the streams clear of silt and other adverse deposits. I approve the use of large, wood debris, placed to prevent erosion and provide necessary aquatic habitat. The removal of excess fuels from the forest floor is sound and necessary management to prevent catastrophic wildfires.

The organization areas of; biologic diversity, resilience to disturbance, connectivity and water quality and soil productivity are excellent categories to provide the foundation for all projects in the Foothills plan. I would urge caution to protect our native species and desirable non-native species during the entire life span of this project. Non-native invasive plants and animals have taken a toll on our native species and any work to keep them in check is appreciated.

The use of proper angler access areas is a great idea and helps to bring many, without proper access, into the forests.

Thank you again and I await the final outcomes.