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Comments: As an avid hiker, kayaker, and resident of the foothills region, I write to strongly oppose the development that is being proposed with respect to the Foothills Landscape Project #52509. Those proposing this development have not yet submitted detailed plans, so it is impossible to accurately predict the precise effects on more than 600 acres that will be directly affected, but there is no sense in which it is possible to imagine that the effects of clear-cutting, burning, pesticide use, and wood-chipping would not be devastating not only to the environment, but also to the tourism upon which the region depends. Potential positive outcomes have not been demonstrated or proven at all, and the idea that public comment will be cut off before relevant details are provided makes this entire process a travesty. Please hold public hearings, require details to be provided in advance of discussions and do NOT prematurely set in motion what is certain to result in long-term economic harm without getting meaningful input from all stake-holders. There are so many of us who value these forests and even more who rely upon the associated watersheds. DO NOT SELL OUT OUR FORESTS AND OUR WATER FOR SHORT-TERM, LIMITED ECONOMIC GAINS. We will all lose far more than the select few will gain.