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Comments: As residents of Rabun County Georgia and citizens very concerned for the preservation of the natural beauty of this region, my wife and I advocate for restraint in "forest management" by the USFS. We want our grandchildren and other future generations to be nourished by the National Forest just as our generation is and has been.

We do not believe the US Government should interfere with recreation land preserved by public purchase in ways that add any measurable risk to the environmental safety or aesthetic value of those particular assets. If there is controversy about chemical treatments that are demonstrated through successful lawsuits to be harmful to wildlife and humans, we think the Federal Government should not be declaring those treatments are acceptable on public lands and waters. This is a place to err to the conservative side. Likewise, we do not think forests should be "managed" to create unnatural eyesores such as clear cuts and logging roads. Finally, the risk of environmental damage such as erosion due to soil disturbance actions that might not be funded to completion (as has already happened with other USFS initiatives) can and should be avoided.

Managed and preserved are two very different things; we value preservation of our Rabun County public-owned, supposedly protected, lands. Our input is that the precious little preserved land should be LESS managed so as to provide ALL its NATURAL characteristics, advantages, risks, and disadvantages