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Comments: To whom it may concern - Having read the editorial in the January 10 issue of the Chattanooga Times Free Press concerning the Foothills Landscape Project in the Chattahoochee National Forest, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal. I was born in Georgia and have family in north Georgia, and have spent a lot of time in the Chattahoochee National Forest (and nearby state parks) through the years, first as a teenager and now with my own family. Moreover, I am a professional biologist, having taught Vertebrate Zoology and Mammalogy at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for over 25 years. I am very concerned about the effects on habitats and recreational opportunities created by the very large commercial timber harvests planned. I am also concerned about the proposed new road construction, the wood chipping part of the proposal, and the decommissioning of current trails, all of which can have deleterious effects on habitat, wildlife, and recreational opportunities. It is my hope that you will reconsider this proposal, in particular scaling back or eliminating the elements that are likely to disturb the wonderful natural habitats that are preserved in the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Gaudin