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Comments: Dear U.S. Forestry Service,

I am a resident of the North Georgia Mountains, my family's home/property is shares property lines with the Chattahoochee National Forest. After reading about this proposal, I am deeply concerned about the way your department is planning to manage this protected area going forward.

I've always held the U.S. Forestry Service in the highest regard, and trusted its judgment in managing this ecologically diverse, semi-pristine wilderness. I spend much of my time with my family in the Chattahoochee National Forest, specifically. While controlled burns, pesticide spraying, and logging may have some economic benefits, or you may be trying to invasive pest species under control, or whatever other reasons you may have to do the things proposed in this project, I firmly believe it's underhanded and dishonest to try to cut the public opinion out of such decisions.

If these plans are truly for the good of the nation and our fragile, threatened environment, then you should have no reason to expect resistance from the people. If your actions are dangerous, self-interested, or unreasonable, then you shouldn't be considering them anyway. . . In any case, the public has a right to weigh in on each specific proposal you bring to the table.

I believe this project is NOT A GOOD IDEA, and am calling for the immediate scrapping of such plans. Transparency, government by the people, for the people, and the process of informing the public and allowing each of us our voice are all fundamental American rights. As a free and intelligent natural-born citizen of the United States, and a North Georgia Native, I see that this project clearly sets a dangerous precedent and is a direct threat to our precious wild places. Please, DO NOT DO THIS.