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Comments: I am from a fourth generation Lake Rabun and Rabun County family. I care deeply about the forests in this area as my great great grandmother had when she first bought property in the forests in Lakemont. I grew up with these forests and they have given back to everyone in the area from fresh air and a regulated climate, to clean water and a beautiful place to call home. Commoditizing public lands isn't only wrong, it's an injustice to the people of Rabun County, Georgia and future generations who have been promised this land be the common heritage of local Georgians and all citizens of the United States. Further, the Foothills Project draft Environmental Assessment is unlawful as it violates provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by not providing the public with site-specific information about where proposed timber harvesting, burning and herbicide treatments would occur, as well as many other proposed actions including temporary road construction, trail construction and trail rerouting. The Foothills Project also violates NEPA by denying public participation opportunities guaranteed by law for the duration of the project, which could be 10-15 years or more. Therefore, I strongly state my opposition and discontent with the proposed Foothills Project as it is unlawful and is sure to only monetarily benefit a few and taking away from the greater Georgia public and American citizens what's ours.