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Comments: I do not support this project, and I think it is critical that the public have additional opportunities to speak out against it. This project has the potential to cause incredible harm to one of my most treasured areas: the Chattooga River watershed.

By the Forest Service's own estimates, project activities would cause long-term detrimental impacts to at least 7,432 acres of soil; would cause direct and indirect adverse effects to cultural and historical resources; and would have an adverse effect on the endangered Indiana bat, as well as impacting habitat for several other threatened or endangered species.

According to the Southern Environmental Law Center, the proposed Foothills Project is approximately 95 times larger than the average Forest Service timber project in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Our forests simply should not be managed with projects of this magnitude.

Please reconsider this project's scale. At minimum, please allow citizens the opportunity to provide additional comments as the individual projects are being planned.

Thank you for your consideration.