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Comments: I am appalled and overwhelmed by the scope of damage you purport to make to our public lands without public comment on each and every individual project. You need to gain public concensus on every road, trail re-route, timber harvest, campground closure, and more. You need to take no action on this project if you cannot facilitate that. You also need cannot degrade any public resource in this effort. The outdoor recreation industry is worth $27.3 billion to this state, and I would not have my job without it. That figure is worth more than timber, resource extraction, pharmaceuticals, and transportation, among others. It is absurd that you are even discussing shutting down recreational sites without a replacement. I understand re-routes and relocations, but you should be increasing access points, adding trails, improving existing ones. I have spent my entire life in this state and I have never seen our natural resources, especially those in the Foothills boundary, SO loved to death!! That isn't a reason to shut it down, it's a reason to add more and spread people out! Improve the quality of lesser used trails so the iconic ones receive some relief. You now have millions of dollars in Georgia through the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act to pay for improvements and acquisitions. This project should die before if you cannot sustain and increase our venues for recreation AND get feedback on every SINGLE action you take before putting a shovel in the ground.