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Comments: As a motorcycle rider that has been riding in the Chattahoochee NF for more than 20 years ,all I have seen from the Forest Service is to take away riding opportunities from riders and never replace them with others.
A few years ago when Patterson Creek was scheduled for decommissioning I offered Mr Gardner viable options to keep that road opened as a co-trail. I even had a sizeable group of volunteers prepared to maintain the trail. After going through the process for one and a half years, I basically got a pat on the head and participation trophy. In other words,thanks for playing but his (Mr.Gardner)was already made up. Only through support from Congressman Tom Graves office was I able to stall the process. Even the lady(don't remember her name) that was in charge of the shared trails program at the time said that she was somewhat surprised at the lack of co-trails compared to where she transferred from.(Wisconsin?)
Furthermore, an encounter with a Forest Ranger in training with Officer Tipton in 2008 told me to my face that, and I quote,"we just don't want y'all up here".
How does the advertisements go from the USFS? Come enjoy the Forest. I suppose that applies only if your form of enjoyment is on something other than a 2 wheeled motorized vehicle. Looks like BIAS to me.
I was opposed to the Patterson Creek closing and I am ADAMANTLY opposed to the planned closing of the trails in the Windy Gap area or any other road or trail that effects motorcycle riders.