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Comments: To the land management supervisors of the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests, I, a concerned citizen of the United States of America, am writing to you to voice my displeasure with the proposed management plan for our national forests in the region of the nationally designated Wild and Scenic Chattooga River.

This is NOT a time to move ahead with a hurried and generally clandestine plan on your part to engage in forest management that will be in place for at least 20 years. This is a truly unique area that requires your thoroughness and respect of accepted practices and procedures so as not to turn this area from its current diverse and naturally developed hardwood and pine forest to a more commercially marketable, and less ecologically diverse, foothills-style (inappropriate for this area...) forest that you propose.

It is your responsibility to protect the habitat, water quality, recreational opportunities of this area. You do not do this by secretively cutting, burning, inappropriately re-planting, and poisoning a forest just for profit.

The words of Dr. Charles H. Warton in his piece The Natural Environments of Georgia do not agree with your assessment of what type of forest exists now in the region in question.

Please, I strongly encourage you to include, and decide to follow once completed, an Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to this area in this forest management plan. Do not proceed forward in too much of a hurry, and get it wrong, because there is so much at considerable risk of loss if you err in your projected path.

Sincerely, JW