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Comments: Please accept these comments regarding The Foothills Landscape Project.

The Foothills Landscape area covers about 157,000 acres. National Forests are managed for multiple purposes: timber, recreation, grazing, wildlife.

I am most concerned that The Foothills Landscape Project would allow the Forest Service to manage the Foothills Landscape without public comments for specific actions, for example: logging, prescribed burning, herbicide treatments.

Currently the Forest Service announces an action for a specific area (logging, prescribed burn, roads), asks for public comment, assess environmental impacts, and makes a decision.

The Forest Service is not providing site-specific proposals for the Foothills Landscape project. The Forest Service is announcing it plans to:
Allow commercial timber harvesting on 60,000 acres,
Conduct prescribed burning on 50,000 acres,
Apply herbicide across half the Project area,
Reroute trails, and
Build temporary roads without informing the public specifically where these actions will take place and when.

It seems the Forest Service is holding general, legally-required public comment input now, but will not reveal exactly which ares will be affected. I expect the Forest Service solicit public comments, and conduct environmental impact analysis for each management action in the future.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Gifford Pinchot stated National Forest land is managed, "to provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run."

Thank you.