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United States Forest Service: Regarding the Foothills Landscape Project Rabun County

First and foremost I totally disagree with pretty much all aspects of this proposal. The National Forests have over the years become a pride to the American people for recreational and conservations purposes. The American people own this land. Through the years and observations I have learned you are not good stewards of our land. The National Forest Service is supposed to protect, you guys are all out for destruction and money, so please don't think I'm fooled by all your cloak and dagger operations of saying this project is about you're saving and finally managing this land, our land. You are using this area as an experiment hoping to fool us, I'm not fooled.

This project is huge, why so big? You are timbering 60,000 acres of the so called 157,000 acre project this is an enormous swath of land, this is almost half that whole project and it will be noticed. Rabun counties economy is based on tourism, people come here for the beauty, recreation and wildlife. I have seen your previous timbering, oh yea there are all the rules but nothing is ever done about erosion, trout streams, and the wildlife damage. I can tell you my own pond was full of silt after a clear cut was done. Nothing is followed up. Why so many roads, why replant with pine and oaks, why because it's all about the money. You should be ashamed calling yourself protectors of the forest.

There is no more land but what we have now, why would you want to sell it? These so called isolated tracts are filled with wildlife, why would you want to sell it to build homes or garbage dumps, as in the Boggs Mt. piece. This doesn't sound like someone having the forest and wildlife's best interest, this sounds like a preplanned deal with money is someone's pocket.

Why are you messing with Old Growth Forest's? Mother Nature has taken care of these forests a lot longer than the so called forest scientist, these types of forest shouldn't even be considered on anyone's list for harvest timber. Wilderness areas are protected from roads and machinery what gives you the authority to destroy these places and no as a government agency you don't have the right, these are the American people's lands, leave them alone.