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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jewett,
Thank you for all your hard work for the people and forests of North Georgia. I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the Foothills Landscape Project and hope my comments will be helpful and considered.
If there's anything that we should all be able to agree on, it's that we all need clean air and clean water. That's why the remaining roadless areas in the Foothills are so important to me. They are our absolute best chance to have really clean water anywhere in the Foothills.
Please don't make new roads in our roadless areas. The document you provided to describe the project says roads dump more sediment into streams than any other management activity. Even "temporary" roads disrupt water flow and can turn into raw gashes that pollute our streams.
Please don't harvest trees in our roadless areas. Surely there are better places than our roadless areas to cut trees and have big machines drag them through the woods. The places that are scraped off to load the logs onto the trucks are even worse.
Please don't use any herbicides in our roadless area. There seems to be more bad news about them every day. We can't count on them to stay out of the water, and who knows what's really in some of them. Surely you can find some way to manage the forest without resorting to poisons.
So many streams and lakes have been fouled that it's hard to find places that still have really clean water. It would make me sad to think that we aren't taking care of the few in our roadless areas.
I appreciate your time and consideration.
Warmly,
Kees deVente