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Comments: We can't cut our way to a healthy forest! The Foothills project calls for constructing 360 miles of new dozer lines to facilitate prescribed burning, grinding vegetation to wood chips on up to 83,000 acres, and building an undisclosed amount of "new temporary" roads.
In the formal project review of the Foothills Landscape Project, the Forest Service is refusing to identify the specific places they intend to cut trees, apply herbicides, and light fires. The Forest Service has not recognized areas that are near and dear to me such as Grassy Mountain or Springer Mountain, or made any commitment to protect them. Project documents do not include the actual locations of most these actions. The Forest Service wants approval of this general Environmental Assessment before any site level analysis of potential impacts to soils, streams, trees, wildlife and recreation. If that happens, the Public will be signing away their legal ability to be involved for the next two decades or more. We the Public who care must stay involved and speak up for a conservation approach. I am not willing to give the Forest Service free reign over Our Forest!