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Ms. Israel,

This is submitted on behalf of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club (GATC). GATC manages, maintains and protects the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT) in Georgia under a Volunteer Service Agreement with the USDA Forest Service and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

While the entirety of the AT in Georgia is contained in the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, none of it is within the defined boundaries of the Foothills Landscape.

However, the Appalachian Trail Experience could be impacted by Foothills Landscape treatment activity if that activity occurs in the Springer Mountain viewshed. The Forest Service in cooperation with ATC and GATC has taken steps to protect that viewshed over a long period of time. We ask that you be mindful of that in your treatment plans and strive to keep the Springer Mountain viewshed intact and unfouled. We are, of course, more than happy to meet or consult with you at any time in support of our mutual interest in maintaining and protecting the AT.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Scott

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