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Comments: Me and my family are full time residents and homeowners in the Lookout Mountain/Alder Creek area that will be directly affected by this project, both in terms of increased traffic on our narrow, steep road with blind corners, and the impact it will have on our public "back yard" where my family hikes, bikes, camps, motorcycles, and snowmobiles all year.

I am in favor of this overall project to achieve better forest health and wildfire safety for our area, however I have some big concerns on a few specific points that I want changed:

1. Add phases into the project where public comment and review can be taken into account as the project progresses.

I am a project manager by profession, and planning a 20 year+ project without natural breakpoints and phases is a recipe for disaster, especially for local residents who are asked to swallow the massive proposal whole up front with very little knowledge of what it will be like 1 or 5 years in. Designate work stopping points every 2-4 years for review and public comment, or at least have an official public comment period at that schedule that can be used to alter the plan to make sure a well-intentioned project doesn't turn into a 20 year nightmare for those of us who live here and are most impacted.

2. Remove the ATV trail portion of this project which does not belong in this proposal. I am a dual-sport motorcycle rider myself, however I do not support throwing in ATV trail policy into a forest health project - those trails should be part of a separate initiative, and that initiative should have plans and funding for patrol/enforcement, as unpatrolled ATV areas can become very destructive to the environment.

3. Save our large trees! I don't see any reason why the Forest Service can't include explicit instructions not to cut any of our rare larger trees when thinning around them accomplishes the desire purpose.