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Comments: I'm writing out of concern for the way the Forest Service manages trees. Thank you for committing to designate areas to manage for old growth. However, Southern Appalachian Forests need to be managed better. Please:

1. Exclude GA mountain treasures from commercial timber harvests.
2. Don't cut all trees in attempts to regenerate southern yellow pine. The second of 2 harvests is unnecessary. In moist forests, there is no ecological justification to thin these areas.

The plan as I've read it is disturbingly short sighted.

Karen