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Comments: Thank you for your thoughtful development of a sustainable approach to forestry in the Foothills Landscape Project, including a two-step environmental analysis and long term preservation of old growth areas. I would like to suggest a few processes that seem important to me to sustain a healthy and diverse forest environment:

Please exclude Georgia's Mountain Treasures from development.

Restrict commercial timber harvesting to areas considered fire adapted.

Maintain diversity of forest areas, both in the age of trees and types of trees.

Exclude areas more than 1/2 mile from the road to limit new temporary road development.

Please leave areas of mesic forests undisturbed.

I believe it is important to preserve as much forest land as possible in its natural, or diverse state to support wildlife and plant diversity. I have been disappointed in the way Georgia has turned so much of its forest land into agricultural forestry that does not support wildlife and the natural functions that forests provide us, like cooling, and soil and water preservation.

Thank you for accepting my comments.