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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed landscape project and would like to commend the Forest Service to being committed to utilizing a programmatic environmental assessment in its planning. The Chattahoochee forest is a treasure and requires that it be managed as such, specifically, excluding areas from logging designated as Georgia's Mountain Treasures. Logging roads are extremely destructive and thus it is my opinion and wish that logging be conducted near existing roads. If there is no ecological justification for thinning trees, they should not be. Lastly, note that trees of many varieties and ages add to the beauty and diversity of the forest and wildlife and demand management as an ecosystem.

Thank you for this opportunity for public comment and for consideration of these concerns in your final plan.

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