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My comments on the Foothills Landscape Project #52509, are below:

Narrow and limit the scope of the project.

Use selective tree harvesting techniques to restore a diverse native broad leaf forest, which has multiple layers of dominant and co-dominant trees, shrubs, herbaceous understories and ground covers.

Don't use tree-cutting practices that call for repeated herbicides and burning treatments to cultivate even-age stands of crop trees of pines and oaks-at the expense of restoring native biological diversity.

Preserve all existing old growth stands in the project area, including at least 630 acres of existing old growth trees in the Chattooga watershed portion of project area. Further, cultivate and restore potential old growth stands, connected in a mosaic of intact native forest across the landscape.

Don't use a prescribed burning regime that far exceeds natural fire cycles in the Chattooga River watershed.

The FLP must adequately address restoring a true native forest connected across the landscape to mitigate the effects of climate change, and to help provide migratory corridors for plants and animals to adapt to changing habitats.

The Forest Service should not log, burn, or construct roads in potential wilderness areas, Mountain Treasures areas, inventoried roadless areas, or in areas deemed "unsuitable for timber production."

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