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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on Foothills Landscape Project #52509. Please find my comments below.

1. Since your last input request I thank you for implementing a two-step analysis for this project by first considering potential effects broadly before coming back to conduct site-specific reviews and public engagement before taking any on-the-ground actions.
2. Thank you also for committing to designate areas to manage for old growth. I encourage you to expand upon the number and size of areas within the forest set aside for old growth.
3. The project itself is too broad in scope and should be narrowed to focus on issues with extensive support. The inclusion of contentious areas and activities should be set aside for individual consideration and public input.
4. Currently I recommend limiting the scope of the project to the following:
  - a.Exclude Georgia's Mountain Treasures from commercial timber harvests.
  - b.Restrict commercial timber harvests to "fire adapted" forest types. Those forest types cover 77% of the Foothills Landscape and include the areas where most people agree active management is most needed.
  - c.Exclude areas more than half a mile from a road. "Temporary roads" last decades to centuries, and regardless of any good that logging accomplishes, access roads disrupt ground water, fragment habitat, and destroy soil.
  - d.Not cut all trees in attempts to regenerate southern yellow pine. The second harvest is unnecessary and damages forest structure and wildlife habitat value.
  - e.Not to thin in mesic forests. There is no ecological justification for this practice.
  - f.Manage forests with the diversity of tree and vegetation species and diversity of ages of the trees. Healthy forests should not be managed in the same manner as monoculture tree farms.