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Comments: I value the Forest Service and its stewardship of our national and state forests.

Regarding the Foothills Landscape Project, thank you for revising your strategy by considering the broader effects, taking public engagement into account, and committing to designate areas to manage for old-growth.

I fully endorse Georgia Forest Watch in their position on the project and hope that you will take the following actions to help our forests thrive:

Exclude Georgia's Mountain Treasures from commercial timber harvests.

Restrict commercial timber harvests to "fire adapted" forest types.

Exclude areas more than half a mile from a road.

Not cut all trees in attempts to regenerate southern yellow pine.

Not to thin (cut half of the trees) in mesic (moist) forests.

Manage forests & support them in their true cycles and co-dependencies

Choose Alternative 3 which excludes areas that the Forest Service's own plan identifies as "unsuitable" for "timber production."

Thank you for your attention to my comments and for including the positions of Georgia Forest Watch in your discussions and analyses.

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