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Comments: I'm a volunteer with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, and I'm concerned about some of the provisions of this plan that are damaging to the overall forest health of our Georgia forests. First, please do not "thin" trees in any old, moist forests where there's no ecological reason to do so. Any work in these forests does extensive damage that takes many, many years for nature to repair. Second, please protect Georgia Treasures forests. There are far too few dense, older growth areas with large trees. Let's keep as many of those as we can. There is plenty of other forest to cut. Finally, do more management as the natives would do with controlled burns and less invasive actions using roads and chemicals. As someone who helps maintain the AT in Georgia, I want to continue to have beautiful forests connected throughout our National Forests. Thank you.