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Comments: I am writing you as a concerned citizen regarding the Foothills Landscape Project. This massive project threatens to cause damage to pristine areas of our public lands. Please consider the following points to help make this project less impactful on the plants and animals that call these 157,000 acres home. 1. Use selective tree harvesting techniques that allows for a mixture of deciduous and evergreens to remain to make a healthier ecosystem. 2. Do not use tree cutting practices that call for repeated herbicides and burning treatments. 3. Preserve all existing old growth stands including at least 630 acres of old growth trees in the Chattooga Watershed. 4. Don't use a prescribed burn regimen that far exceeds natural fire cycles. 5. The Forest Service should not log, turn, or construct roads in potential wilderness areas. These areas deserve to be protected, not destroyed. Please let the public know what you are doing and have transparency. After all, these lands belong to all of us, not to logging companies and others who plan to profit from this massive project.