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Comments: I'm so grateful that we have a Forest Service and that you are committed to preserving and protecting our valuable forests! Thank you! I had been thinking about moving from VA to Colorado, but after visiting there and experiencing the drought, the fires, the smoke, the heat and water shortages, I am so glad I moved to Blairsville and can treasure our abundant creeks, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and green majestic Chattahoochee forests! Thank you, too, for managing and preserving our old-growth. Please do not cut all trees to regenerate southern yellow pine, but allow trees of all ages to live together.

Please do choose Alternative 3. It does make sense to me to focus on issues with broad support and exclude areas that will create dissent. Therefore, restrict commercial timber harvests to fire adapted forest types, where most people agree active management is most needed. And please exclude areas more than half a mile from a road. Access roads disrupt so much for a very long time. Thank you for listening to us and for all that you do!