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Comments: We appreciate all you do and for allowing public comment.

Thank you for acknowledging old growth forest and committing to not cutting them down and for offering protection to them. Also, thank you for looking at the forest area to determine the potential effects of your plan before acting on it. Involving the public for comment after conducting site specific plans helps to ensure most factors are considered before enacting the proposed plan.

Please do not create new roads in the forest unless they are close to an existing road (less than ½ mile from existing main road). These temporary roads last longer than you think, they destroy topsoil/plants/trees and disrupt ground water. We do not need more roads in the forest.

If you plan to thin an area, please evaluate if it is needed. What is the benefit to the forest ecology? Don't thin Mesic forests as by nature they are dense forests.

Exclude thinning of "Georgia Mountain Treasures" from commercial timber harvest as these are our jewels in the forest.

Please protect our forests. We need them more than ever.