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Comments: Forest Service - thank you for utilizing programmatic EA and for committing to designate areas to manage for old growth. With the latest IPCC report in mind, for the future of the younger generations, the well-being of humanity, and the beauty of the natural world of Georgia, I ask that you limit the scope of this project to exclude Georgia's Mountain treasures from commercial timber harvests. In addition, please restrict commercial timber harvests to "fire adapted" forest types and exclude areas more than half a mile from a road as "Temporary roads" actually last decades to centuries and access roads disrupt groundwater, fragment habitat, and destroy the soil. With the rise in temperatures in the south - we need to preserve the groundwater and soil quality as much as possible.

Please find the courage and compassion to not cut all trees in attempts to regenerate southern yellow pine and to not thin in mesic forests - there is no ecological justification for this action.

Furthermore, please manage forests the way they really work: Southern Appalachian forests naturally contain trees of many different ages, species that typically live over 200 years, and young trees growing in response to the death of one or a few trees.

Lastly - choose Alternative 3.

Your choices will either escalate the climate crisis or help be a part of the solution. We are all hoping for the latter.