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Comments: Staff within the Division of Water Resources have reviewed the submittal regarding the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Project that would include Cherokee National Forest as well as adjacent areas. It will involve the aerial spraying of a pheromone that will disrupt the mating cycle for gypsy moths, bacteria that will disrupt the feeding of caterpillars, and a virus/larvicide specifically targeting the caterpillar stage of the gypsy moth. The "Slow the Spread" designated area includes the Tennessee counties of Unicoi, Carter, Johnson and part of Washington County. The 15 year Projected STS Action Area includes the Tennessee counties of Hancock, Hawkins, Greene and parts of Washington and Hamblen County. The 15 year Projected Spot Eradication Area includes the Tennessee counties of Jefferson, Sevier, Cocke, Knox, Union, Grainger, Blount, Claiborne, Anderson, Scott, Campbell and parts of Hamblen, Loudon, Roane and Morgan County. The Division is not aware of any significant concerns for the project and is supportive of the project.