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Dear Region 8 Forester,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal for the "Slow the Spread" proposal. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is supportive of this proposed EA, however, we would very much like to ensure that:

*BTK is used in a minimal, strategic, and targeted manner to minimize adverse impacts to other Lepidopterans.

*Utilize trapping, evaluate gypsy moth populations, and follow appropriate BMP's when selecting appropriate treatments.

In summary, ATC is very supportive of the critical management, however, we would very much like to minimize negative impacts on other Lepidopterans as much as possible. Thanks very much for your efforts.