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Comments: As a resident of Cashiers, NC, I am particularly angered by the Southside Project in the Nantahala Forests around the Chattooga River headwaters. The Revised Forest Plan fails to protect sensitive natural heritage areas and wild and scenic river corridors. The Forest Service should not look on our forests as cash crops, but as living, biologically diverse and important resources. Rare old growth stands should automatically be protected, and district rangers should never have the discretion to cut old growth forests.

The Forest Service should revise its inclusion of Terrapin Mountain and Ellicott Rock Wilderness in its logging plans. Both areas comprise important, biologically diverse areas of rare plant and animal communities and old growth forests.