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Comments: Please accept this email as my official comments on the plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Crossover project on the Nantahala National Forest.

The U. S. Forest Service team has done a fine and notable job in planning and analysis of its proposed actions in the Crossover Project. There is no question that Alternative A is an inferior 'lack' of action alternative that would eliminate the positive outcomes of Alternative B.

I commend you for your preparation of an excellent plan and EA for the Crossover project. I would hope that work on actions proposed in the Crossover project would begin as soon as feasible.

Sincerely,

Theodore H. Meredith

Private Landowner

P. S. Not as a comment on the Crossover project, but as a general statement for future plans and EAs, I hope you will keep in mind that a blight tolerant American Chestnut tree has been developed. As you are probably aware, this blight tolerant tree is currently being evaluated by several federal government agencies. Assuming the federal agencies give their blessing to the tree or its offspring or antecedents, blight tolerant American Chestnut tree seedlings could become available to federal, state, and private landowners.

Until the time arrives of widespread availability of the blight tolerant Chestnut, I would encourage the Nantahala National Forest to seriously consider participating in any trial plantings of the tree that might become available.