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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment on the Southern Appalachian Watershed Resiliency Project. I am a firm believer that we must be good stewards of our lands to secure their future for the benefit of communities and users well past our time here - actions taken to enhance our public lands are gifts.

Applying science to action on the ground allows agencies and other groups to find and use remedies to help address issues like forest destabilization and enhance watershed resilience. With the frequency and intensity of water events that destabilize areas of significance the importance of projects like this become all the more poignant and necessary.

Streambank restoration, encouraging native plants particularly wildflowers, eliminating non-native species that crowd out natives, planting various species of oaks, realignment of roads and trails, and other specific projects you've outlined in the scoping letter will lead to stronger ecosystems that are better able to respond to intense rains that seem to be the norm these days, sadly.

Thank you for your efforts to assist our forests in maintaining their strength!