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Comments: National Forest Service:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the GAP program. My property adjoins National Forest Service (NFS) lands in northwestern Burke County in the Grandfather District. I am very familiar with the area since I have been hiking and exploring it for decades.

The NFS land behind and beside my property is designated "Vegetation Management Without Saw Timber". Please know that this land does not need, and should not receive, any type of cutting and/or clearing. The forest is already a diverse mixture of timber and plants. The forest also meets a community protection objective from fire. Disturbing this balance would not improve the situation, but could possibly do great harm.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to share this information with you.

Sincerely,

Michael Thomas