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Comments: Greetings,

I first want to express my appreciation for the GAP Restoration Project goals of reducing wildfire risk and overall care of the forest. I am in favor of carefully considered forest management.

I am writing today, however, to express concerns that the proposed GAP Project activities will harm areas of significant biodiversity. We know that the 7 mile ridge area in Nanci County has wetlands that contain rare plant species.

Wetland areas depend on intact forests to remain healthy. Additionally, Little White Oak Creek and Big Crabtree creek both contain breeding populations of Southern Brook trout. If harvesting is done on 7 mile Ridge, it would likely have an impact on water temperatures and sedimentation.

Forests should be managed for the purpose of protecting and encouraging native biodiversity. Please remove the plans to harvest timber from the 7 mile ridge Timber harvest that is included within the GAP project.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anne Barrus