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Summer Building Blocks

Plan Revision Team Leader,

It is imperative that we increase the acreage of designated wilderness.

There are plenty of recently cutover lands that we can continue to log sustainably. There are plenty of roads providing access for people of all abilities to our national forest.

It's those wild and untrammled places that are in short supply. I write you to advocate for these lands as well as for management practices (or lack thereof) that spur their creation and regeneration.

Specifically, I write to advocate for the wilderness designation of the Overflow Creek and Terrapin Mountain tracts. As experts in the realm of natural resource management, I know you understand the value of contiguous, unfragmented natural areas. Full protection of these lands is valuable beyond words.

The eastern national forests were created via the Weeks Act to protect watersheds. Protecting these tracts in the upper reaches of the Chattooga watershed - one of the southeast's most prized jewels - is the essence of your legacy. Anything less than the strongest level of protection would be out of line.

Thanks for your consideration,

Andrew Rogers