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To: Betty Jewett, Forest Supervisor, ATTN: Angie L. Bell

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

Dear Ms. Jewett and Ms. Bell:

Kindly permit me to inquire as to why the Forest Service -- with regard to the Foothills Landscape Project -- is changing its protocol to exclude public oversight of specific projects before the scope and the extent of planned management of the those projects is announced to the public.

Forgive me for saying so, but the way this is shaping up, it appears the Forest Service is trying to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act without providing the public with details as to how specific stretches of forest will be impacted or managed. That really doesn't seem on the level to me.

I know you are busy, so I don't require a detailed answer to my concern. But I would hope you would respond as to why the Forest Service is making this change in the way the public is allowed to participate, and I will share your reply with several others who are concerned.

With kind regards to you and your service, I am

Respectfully,

Ralph Garner