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Comments:

I retired from the Forest Service in 2012 as the Director of Lands and RIM in the Atlanta Regional Office. I don't quite understand the reasons behind analyzing so many acres at such a low level of resolution. Is the intent to produce an EIS? If so, I haven't found any documentation on public involvement information that says so. If not, I can't believe that the agency can write a FONSI for such a large project. IS the intent to check the public involvement box with one massive effort? Is so, bad idea. The public on the Chatt will rebel if not involved on a site specific basis. If the project is more like a programmatic effort to better compete for funding, good luck. I doubt that it will work. The mere fact that I have these questions and no answers does not speak well for the public involvement effort.

I urge you to use this effort simply as a tool to quantify public support for various activities and do site specific NEAP as targets and funding make activities real.

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