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I strongly oppose this project because apparently this is the last time the public will have input on what happens after the project is initiated. The project is a blank check the public does not want to sign. If you hike the forests now, they are riddled with old logging roads. Most of the timber is second growth. These forests have been plundered before, to the point of destruction. They were brought back and the wildlife with them. We do not want to see them monetized, frankly. I personally want to see them managed only for the health of the forest and the good of the wildlife, along with nondestructive recreational use so that the public may enjoy the forests. They must remain intact. Forests create climate, bringing rain. Cut the forests and you increase likelihood of droughts going forward, in the face of climate change. I know something of the history of the early forest service and of the Chattahoochee National Forest. My great grandfather was Ranger Arthur Woody, who worked with many others to preserve and protect the forest for the benefit of all. Every time I cross Woody Gap (land he gave to the Forest Service), and I see the cars parked and people out to hike, I celebrate the work of the Forest Service over the last century and more. National Forests belong to the American people, and the people should continue to have a say in their management, not be sidelines to witness the bulldozing of roads, logging, etc., that will profit the few at the expense of the many.