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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on projects under consideration.

Funds for major maintenance on roads on the Chattahoochee NF should go where public access is needed the most and funding is least available, not where funding will already be available in conjunction with the Foothills Landscape Project.

This distinction is important for two reasons:

Location: Access roads within the Foothills Landscape are less likely to need major repairs compared to the higher elevations with steeper slopes and higher rainfall.

Need: When timber projects are approved, the cost of access roads are built into site specific planning and timber contracts. There are many problem roads better suited for this type of funding OUTSIDE of future project areas that have caused environmental damage for years.