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Hi Jim, This came in the mail.

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White Mountain National Forest Attn: Supervisor Derek Ibarguen 71 White Mountain Drive Campton, NH 03223

RE: Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392

Dear Supervisor Ibarguen:

I write to you as a resident of Sandwich, NH with concerns related to the proposed logging operation in the Sandwich Range. I oppose this scheduled planned work to begin within the next year. Although there were opportunities for input *years* past, the public has not had a recent opportunity to respond in an official public hearing to the current scope of work.

I have attempted to read through available documents and plans. Admittedly I do not have the knowledge or education to speak about specific forest-management practices. However, I have had the opportunity to serve on the State of NH's Legislative Environment and Agriculture Committee, a position that enhanced my understanding of the complications related to land-use and conservation. I recognize the history of our National and State forests as storehouses of timber.

## Basic Concerns

With the new way it rains, or doesn't, seemingly a major consideration should be related to erosion, flood control and fire protection.

With the lack of a labor force to do the necessary work of re-forestation/re-planting. What is the plan to complete this work within a reasonable time frame?

Is it a fair to assume the revenue from this project will be re-invested in the Sandwich Range.

Perhaps the sale of a portion of this property to a forest-minded public agency would provide revenue without disruption to the natural world.

This is an economically attractive project; it appears to be a government project in direct competition with the private forestry.

Thank you for acting on the wide-range of concerns providing assurance this project needs to be re-planned.

Sincerely,

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