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Dear Mr. Ibarcuen

This letter refers to the planned forest cutting in the Wonalancet, NH area.

In general it is a bad idea to do it and I oppose it for a number of reasons.

1. I buried my wife in the small jewel cemetery near the parking lot some 15 years ago. I visit her grave numerous times and park in the parking lot. I am in my 90's and have a hard time carrying tools, flowers, water to the grave site so park as close as I can. Over the past few years that lot many times has been FULL, even with the expanded lot and I am lucky to find a close space to park. Now, I understand you want to close off one section so your trucks can get by. Where will I have to park so I can get to my wife's grave? How safe will it be with your trucks going back and forth?
2. That area has one of the most dense networks of trails and forest roads anywhere. My wife (before she died) and I for decades have enjoyed the beauty and relative ease of those trails. Now you want to barge through and destroy that network. We skied, biked, hiked that area and love it. How can we safely access it with your various activities?
3. You plan to log that area for over 5 years (up to 10?) In the over 3 decades I have received WMNF proposals, I don't remember such a long time for logging. I can't ^{IMAGINE} imagine having such a long disruption of recreation activity in such a heavily used section of trails.
4. Trees sequester CO₂, a climate change gas - LEAVE THE TREES
You say one purpose of the cutting is to allow new growth for animals. What's more important - raising our planet from overheating or giving some animals some food?

Over the past 30 years I have lived in Glen, in the middle of the WMNF I have received and commented on many proposals from bridges to radio towers to forest cutting. I had concern on some of them but never thought they shouldn't be done. Yours is the first. In 2 cases the WMNF completely changed their proposal to my suggestion. (1) I said use BIG-BLADERS to line the lookouts on Bear Notch Road, NOT wooden fences that rot with time. The big boulders are still there,

(2) When the new trail was put into Diana's Bathol (near my house), the WMNF planned a 3 foot wide trail! I said that was too narrow what with mother holding their children's hands, mother pushing baby carriage, bicyclists. The WMNF made the trail around 6 feet wide, my suggestion. Can you imagine a 3 foot wide trail to what is probably the most traveled scenic site around!

I appreciate the fact that the WMNF did their best in making the Woodland logging proposal, but you really goofed this time. That parking lot is often full and your trucks will be a danger to hikers. I possibly may not be able to easily access my wife's grave. Your logging activities will destroy a most scenic area that is full of well-used trails and be a danger to hikers. And your long time for logging is preposterously long! Keep the trees. Let the animals forage elsewhere, they know where to go.

I suggest that with 600,000 acres of WMNF forest, that you plan a logging elsewhere in the WMNF. It appears that logging is more important to you than the recreation of visitors to the area.

I thought part of the WMNF "charter" is ^{RECREATION} recreation and with the stresses of today's world recreation is becoming more and more important.

Your long time logging in that one will
destroy or seriously alter recreation in that
area for years. GO ELSEWHERE where the
impact to recreation is less severe.
Recreation will benefit monetarily the area more
than logging.

I know from past experience that the WMNF
will probably want to lunge ahead with this
not-well-thought-out proposal despite many
tax payers that oppose it for good reasons.
If you do go ahead you will not make many
friends. Admit you made a mistake
with this proposal. We are in perfect
GO GO ELSEWHERE. There are better less
intrusive places elsewhere. This is the
worst proposal I have learned of in my
over 30 years of interacting with the WMNF.

Yours truly,
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