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Comments: I spent 9 consecutive summers on Lake Tarleton, first as a camper, then as a counselor at Kingswood Camp for Boys. Soon after, I matriculated at Dartmouth College (where I currently study), in large part because I love the natural surroundings and access to the Great Outdoors that New Hampshire offers. I have brought peers from Dartmouth to Lake Tarleton, precisely because of how well-preserved the area is. I had my first kiss less than 20 feet away from the water's edge. In case it hasn't been made fully clear, I love Lake Tarleton... and I love it just the way it is.

Hearing of this plan to log the area surrounding Tarleton was a shock to my system. I'm currently sitting in the library, putting off my actual schoolwork so that I can type this letter. As someone whose upbringing is largely tied to the Piermont/Warren region, I can say with certainty that the forest and its serenity is what compelled me to invest another 4 years of my life in this area.

I strongly urge the WMNF to reconsider its Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project. Further, I suggest that the WMNF reclassifies this region as MA 8.5 (Scenic Area), in order to preserve the beauty that I--and literally countless others--have grown to love and cherish, over a decade ago.

Yours in the Outdoors,

A concerned member of the community

(attached image: photograph I took as an 11 y/o on Lake Tarleton)