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Comments: Comments on the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project FONSI

From Marilyn and Robert Dennison -

We have been coming to the Lake Tarleton area for over 70 years, as my parents founded Kingswood Camp in 1946, and my husband and I now have a home on Lake Armington. We and our children treasure the unspoiled beauty of this area, especially the pristine quality of the waters in the lakes within the project area.

One of our major concerns is the ongoing erosion of material into Lake Katherine. If this project moves forward, it is important that the improvements to the boat launch and parking lot be an early action item, before any logging begins.

In reviewing the project scope, it seems to us that it includes unnecessarily intensive harvesting over this relatively small land area. We believe that the creation of early successional/open habitats could be accomplished with much less harvesting overall.

We are worried about the use of herbicides and erosion of material into the lakes caused by logging activity. We are also concerned about the potential for the introduction of non-native, invasive, species into the lakes. We are trained (by NH Lakes) Weed Watchers, and through our Lake Associations, support active Lake Host programs. To date these efforts have kept our lakes free from non native invasive species.

We hope you consider these comments if the project moves forward.