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Comments: We are abutting landowners through and on whose property the Forest Service will need to have access to accomplish the plan. Our land is in conservation, and our comments, attached, raise questions that we hope you will address regarding how the Plan will affect our property and the purposes we hoped to achieve by putting the land into conservation.

We are the owners of a parcel of land in the town of Albany, New Hampshire (Tax Map 1 Lot 16) that abuts the White Mountain National Forest, and specifically abuts land that is included in the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. We placed our parcel of land, which is entirely forested and undeveloped, into a conservation easement that is held by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). The easement is recorded with the Carroll County Registry of Deeds (Book 3247, Page 858, Description 2917-479). Our parcel of land includes a portion of the Forest Service Road (Spring Brk Rd. 337/Old Mast Rd.) that you appear to propose be used to access Forest Service land that will be logged. Our land also includes the initial portions of two popular hiking trails maintained by the Wonalancet Outdoor Club: the Old Mast Road and the Wonalancet Range Trail. See [Idquo]Boundary Plan of Land in Albany, NH Property of the Ruth Moscovitch Trust & Vinton Thompson Trust[rddquo] prepared by Paul L. King, LLS, PE, dated Sept. 2009 and recorded in Plan Book 228 at Page 6.

At we understand the proposed Project, there will be considerable logging along a portion of the Old Mast Road, past our property. We are concerned that this proposed logging may have a detrimental impact on our property. We put this land into easement with the LCRT in order to preserve the land for recreation [ndash] particularly hiking, for scenic enjoyment of the general public, and for conservation of the local natural environment. Our concerns, as explicitly set forth in our Conservation Easement, include ensuring that the land, which includes important habitat for a wide variety of plants as well as birds, mammals and other animals, is protected. The property also includes a part of the Spring Brook, a tributary to the Wonalancet River, which runs for more than 1,000 feet through the property.

It is of critical importance that the land not be degraded by activities, including the use of heavy logging equipment on the part of the Forest Service road that encroaches upon our property. Such activity could damage our property, by:

[bull] harming the water quality, wetlands, or riparian zones;

[bull] interfering with soil productivity;

[bull] degrading the overall quality of forest products on our land;

[bull] damaging the scenic quality of the property as viewed from public roads or public trails;

[bull] failing to protect unique or fragile natural areas; or

[bull] interfering with our conservation of native plant and animal species. (See Articles I, II, and III of Easement, Attached)

It is also important that any logging be carried out in a manner that is sensitive to the preservation of the existing trails and of the vegetation on our own, neighboring parcel. Please let us know, in detail, how the Forest Service plans to avoid damaging the soil, water quality, animal and plant habitat, and scenic quality of our property when carrying out your plans. Please also assure us that the Forest Service's use of our property will be limited to the

purposes and area as described in the right-of-way deed, which is recorded at the Carroll County Registry of Deeds (Book 568 Page 219).

We urge you to meet with the Wonalancet Outdoor Club and Lakes Region Conservation Trust, both of which organizations have responsibilities for maintaining the existing natural and recreational quality of our property. In addition, we are available to confer with you regarding how your Project plans can avoid damage to the trails and natural habitat that we have sought to protect.