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Comments: The area included in this proposed project lies between the Sandwich Range Wilderness Area and rural residential areas of Sandwich and Tamworth. This area is heavily used (possibly overused) for recreation purposes in all four seasons. It is difficult to imagine both the scope of the project and the proposed time to complete the project being an acceptable solution to anyone in residence or recreating. The proposed area has some very steep and rugged terrain with many brook, river, and wetland drainage crossings; all lying in the higher elevations of the largest stratified drift aquifer in New Hampshire - a cause for concern for all downstream of this area.

In review of the past prices of stumpage from the NH revenue department, the length of proposed roads to make the logging possible, and the reduction of value for difficult access, I doubt the value of the timber will be enough to pay for the entire operation. Surely there are easier areas, and more isolated, to make the costs more in line with income.

For your review I have attached a recent report on the stumpage prices paid in NH over the first part of 2023.

Historically I have supported the Forest Service in the difficult roles they are asked to perform. In this case I cannot support this decision and ask that you do your best to cancel Project #57392.

Thanks for your attention

Attachment: NH Department of Revenue Administration Municipal and Property Division. Average Sumpage Values Suggested for the NORTHERN Region of NH