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Comments: I want to object to the clearcutting that is proposed along Townsend Brook in Pittsfield. I live across from the brook and frequently hike, bike and snowshoe along Townsend Brook Road up to Chittenden. I am very familiar with this area. Many times, I have found that road impassable on a bike after a rain due to runoff. I am very concerned what will happen with erosion of that road after the side of the mountain is clearcut. It is a well-known fact that trees slow down erosion, so if you take them all out, erosion will get worse. You acknowledge in your plan that erosion is a problem in this area as you plan to realign a portion of Townsend Brook Road near mile post .75. When Hurricane Irene came thru this area, a good portion of that road washed out. It took over a year to make it passable. You really need to reconsider clearcutting this area. The picture below is what anyone driving up Rt 100 in Pittsfield will see after the clearcutting is done.