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Comments: Dear USDA/USFS:

According to a retired Lake Biologist colleague of mine:

"Lake Tarleton is a peculiar lake. Despite its relatively low nutrients, I recall from the early work we did that the toxin level of (cyanobacteria) microcystins was surprisingly high. My guess at that time was that the lake was probably sensitive to nutrient input because of its extensive shallow areas. Unless protective procedures are used, logging can be more destructive than one might think, since even disturbance of the delicate forest soils, especially from vehicles can release nutrients into runoff water and into streams and lakes."

Neither he, nor I, provided comments during the initial period.

I have read some of the USDA report <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=56394>, but did not see any comments regarding impacts on the lake's water quality, particularly with regards to harmful algae blooms (HABs).

Recent HAB cases in the news: <https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/state-issues-cyanobacteria-advisory-partridge-lake-littleton-new-hampshire> , <https://www.michiganradio.org/environment-climate-change/2023-03-21/macomb-county-army-corps-will-team-up-to-study-lake-st-clair-muck>

I have no interest in any property in this area. I just have an interest in the protection of freshwater resources in the world. I ask that the USFS think about protecting the Lake's water quality, by protecting the entire watershed, not just a 300 meter buffer, in this management plan for the health of the lake and the people that live and recreate there.

Attached is a picture of the current trophic state of a lake that I grew up on. It was a huge part of my childhood learning and appreciation of the natural world. The lack of consideration of the immediate watershed around this lake contributed to its current eutrophic state. I ask that you protect Lake Tarleton from a similar fate so that the future generations of NH can experience the wonders of a clean lake.