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Comments: Dear Brett,

As an avid back country user in the Dover and Wardsboro areas i am supportive of the idea of diversifying the forest and creating early successional habitat. However as the plan stands now it is unclear as to what harvesting methods will be used and as there is a large amount of proposed stands in the Dover and Wardsboro area there needs to be further clarification and what types of harvesting are going to be done i these areas.

Some of the proposed areas contain older growth birch and maple stands which already have low tree densities which lend themselves to back country skiing and snowboarding in winter and the harvesting of some of these areas would be a loss to the local community on both a recreational and financial levels. The plan as it stand right now is vague and does not addressees the impacts that the harvesting of some of these proposed stands will have on the communities. There are areas that have high densities of hard and soft woods that with selective harvesting would allow for more recreation opportunities and i am in favor of that.

Going forward i would like to see more clarification on what types of harvesting are going to be conducted and in which areas they are going to be conducted. Additional i would like to see how the the harvesting is going to impact recreational activities before , during and after the operations are conducted.

Thank you,

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