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Comments: I am a AT trail maintainer for the stretch along the Pedlar Resevoir. As a hiker and outdoor enthusiast I long for the opportunity to experience old growth forests with their majestic 100+ year old trees. Unfortunately, It is very difficult to find an old growth forest in the National Forest. I toured a couple of the proposed sites along Staton's Creek and the Pedlar. The slopes are so very steep it will be nearly impossible to prevent erosion even with the best planning. Timber companies not only cut these majestic trees for financial benefit, they also cut roads, rip up soil, and generally destroy the environment for all the critters and the views for all the humans that live in and enjoy the forest. Finally, Climate Change is real (contrary to the current administration's belief). Old growth forests are imperative to the health of our planet and to our health. I am not in favor of this plan to harvest trees for the sake of harvest. I believe that the rationale outlined in the plan for timbering these sections is short sighted and not in the best interest of the general public.