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Comments: I am extremely concerned about the proposed logging in a pristine old forest. The older the trees, the more carbon they sequester all things being equal. Replanting trees does little to replace this carbon sequestration effect, since new trees won't pull in as much carbon for many years. In addition, logging up to the shores of the lake will destroy the ecosystem of the lake. Money was raised to buy this land for the forest, not to cut down all the old trees. This is in the middle of the NH lakes country and should clearly be designated as a scenic area, preserved for recreational purposes and enabling preservation of archaeological resources. It strains credulity that there will not be extensive lobbying, that additional logging roads won't damage wildlife habitat, and that invasive species won't be introduced.

I am horrified that the Forest Service would entertain this proposal seriously and hope you will decide not to go forward.