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Comments: I am opposed to your plan for logging at the Tarleton Lake Forest in the White Mountain National Forest. My concern is for the wildlife that will be disturbed. As you know, whenever a forest is logged, the wild animals suffer. Some will die in the process, and those who survive lose their habitat. Loss of habitat causes extinction. The Northern long-eared bat finds the WMNF as their home when they are not hibernating. Bats are hosts of coronaviruses, and when they lose habitat, they need to go elsewhere, sometimes too close to domestic animals, where disease transmissions can and do occur. Bat habitat should always be given special protection. If we leave them alone perhaps they will leave us alone. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29618817/>

Thank you for considering my comment.