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Comments: Both of my parents were born and raised in northern New Hampshire. My grandparents lived there for over 80 years as well. I know the white mountains and Lake Tarleton very well. I spent most summers growing up and with my family canoeing, swimming and hiking in the area. It is an irreplaceable treasure!

I understand selective logging and burning can sometimes benefit the Forrest, but this type of project is not meant to help the forestry ecology and would be detrimental in many ways.

The Proposed Logging Violates the Intent of Acquisition of Lake Tarleton for land conservation, carbon sequestration, protection of the endangered bat and other wildlife in the area.

The logging that is proposed also puts, the lake's excellent water quality at risk for sediment pollution and harmful algal blooms. We can't afford to lose any more natural resources. Or pollute the ones we have.

The definition for "significantly" from the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, citing the intensity factors at 40 CFR 5108.27: of the 10 listed definitions numbers #4 and #8 and #9 seem to apply:

* #4 states "The degree to which the effects on the human environment are likely to be highly controversial". A majority of scientists throughout the world believe that logging contributes to Global Warming and must be stopped and, more than 1,200 petitions signed against this project indicates that it is "highly controversial"

* #8 states "The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources". The likely damage to Abenaki cultural resources as well as the stone walls, foundations, chimneys, graveyards and dooryard plantings in the long-abandoned village of Charleston will cause the loss or destruction of significant cultural and historical resources.

* #9 states "The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act of 1973."

Please Put our natural resources and stewardship of the land above profits.

Do not log this area.

Thank you

Heather