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Comments: Dear US Forest Service Representatives,

I write as a parent of a son who has attended Kingswood Camp for Boys for many years, as well as a new homeowner in the foothills of the White Mountains of NH.

Please re-consider forever changing the landscape surrounding Lake Tarleton. This resource has immeasurable value to generations of campers who have loved this place and have in turn developed an ethic of conservation and appreciation for this irreplaceable habitat.

"We loved that land like we loved a person," my dad told me when I interviewed him about growing up on his family's farm in Western MA. Piece by piece, his family sold the land to developers to pay the taxes on land that kept rising in value due to the developments. Now, there is nothing left but homes. But his words have stayed with me, and I've always wished for my kids to find (and sought to find myself) places we could love like a person. This land is one of those places for my son and for many others. This land is also home for wildlife and biodiversity, both of which would be harmed.

The wilderness of New Hampshire has drawn our family to purchase a home in the foothills of the White Mountains. We chose the area specifically for the natural beauty and the conservation ethic that sets this part of New Hampshire apart from anywhere else. We and others like us are happy to pay property taxes for the privilege of living in a place that values what we value.

Please protect this treasured habitat in White Mountain National Forest by reconsidering the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project.

Thank you,
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