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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity for me to comment on the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project (#56394). I am firmly opposed to the proposed plans.

The White Mountain National Forest should remove this and all future threats to Lake Tarleton's surrounding forest by amending the 2005 National Forest Plan and designating it as a Scenic Area to protect this treasured landscape, local tourism and recreation economy.

No reasonable alternatives have been proposed short of logging 900 acres of public land in a scenic watershed. The centuries old scenic landscape of the Lake Tarleton Forest will be greatly degraded if the proposed project goes forward as planned. Also, this plan will result in the loss of a Critical Carbon Sink and Biodiversity Stronghold and increase the irreversible negative effects of Global Warming. Many esteemed scientists believe that stopping logging and allowing forests to mature on our public lands is crucial for a sustainable environment. At a minimum, the White Mountain National Forest Forest Plan should change the Management Area designation for the forests surrounding Lake Tarleton to a "Scenic Area." Moreover, I am highly concerned about the lethal effects on lake water quality when herbicides are used to kill invasive species which is a common logging practice.

Lake Tarleton Forest was saved over years ago by a ground swell of opposition to a planned large-scale resort development. Today, the "Lake Tarleton Integrated Resource Project" threatens once again to strip the trees from the land. Friends of the Lake Tarleton Forest urge that we spare this beautiful resource and save it for our children and posterity.