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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the Lake Tarleton Integrated Resource Project as proposed in the April 2022 updated Environmental Assessment.

My family has been enjoying the natural beauty of Lake Tarleton and the surrounding woods for more than 4 generations, when my husband's grandparents first honeymooned there in the 1940s. I was married on the shores of this beautiful lake 3 years ago, and my daughter (age 2) has spent much of her young life playing in the clean waters and hiking with me around the mature trees of this special lake.

We have a strong desire to see the beauty and environmental integrity of this land protected, so that our children and can experience it as we did. We fear that the proposed logging will deplete the natural beauty of this region, but more so that it will leave the forest vulnerable to invasive species, which will then require herbicides to remove. All of this will contribute to polluting water of Lake Tarelton, where our family regularly swims and fishes.

Mostly, though, I am concerned that logging and development pose the greatest threat to wildlife. The removal of a habitat is often the foundation for the extinction of a species. When forests are cut down, countless wild animals, including mammals, birds, insects, amphibians for whom the forest is home, are displaced. In the case of Lake Tarleton, development poses a significant threat to New Hampshire's endangered long-eared bat.

Please consider preserving the integrity and biodiversity of this special area, and reconsider the current logging plans around Lake Tarleton.