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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

The sections of the WMNF around Mt. Moosilauke and Lake Tarleton are among the most beautiful and peaceful I have found in wanderings that began in 1968. Although Moosilauke is a shared responsibility, my understanding is the undeveloped portions of Lake Tarleton's shoreline are almost entirely under your jurisdiction. This, of course, means the water quality and relative quiet - and absolute beauty - of Tarleton can be preserved or harmed by your decisions.

I ask and encourage that you decide to alter your plans for logging on the north side of Tarleton to stay much, much away farther from the water's edge to avoid taking any risks with the clarity and quality of its water, to protect the tangible and highly valuable recreation asset that is the deep forest views enjoyed by canoers, kayakers, and anglers on Lake Tarleton, and to safeguard the relative quiet that distinguishes Tarleton from Sunapee, Newfound Lake, Moore Reservoir and other lakes west and east of Franconia Notch.

Lake Tarleton is a gem. I hope you, the federal stewards of that gem, will materially improve on a logging plan that endangers this jewel of nature and public trust.

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