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Comments: My wife Carol and I strongly urge you to reconsider your plans for extensive logging in the Tarleton Lake watershed. Many people came together to enable the purchase of this forestland in 2000-and not because they wanted to see the trees run through a mill. As U.S. Senator Judd Gregg said at the protection celebration, "Many of us here today have worked hard for a number of years to reach the point we are at today where we can proudly say that this pristine New Hampshire wilderness has been saved."

We believe this area surrounding Lake Tarleton, Lake Katherine, Lake Armington, and stretching along the AT corridor north to Webster Slide, and Wachipauka Pond should be designated a Scenic Area. We are fans of this special area. And we don't understand why the Forest Service has not designated any Scenic Areas west of I-93.

Demand for recreational use of the WMNF continues to climb. That is one compelling reason to protect this watershed. Another is this area's value to wildlife, including the Northern Long-eared Bat. A third reason is the need to fend off climate change. We desperately need to protect every carbon dioxide-absorbing tree that we can.

Thank you for considering our views.