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Comments: Dear Ranger Brown,

I read the article in the Valley News today about the Lake Tarleton logging. I know people who are so invested in Lake Tarleton and who put a lot of money into preserving the area 'forever'. It is heartbreaking to think that less than a quarter century later the US Forest Service (aka the 'good guys') is planning to violate that trust by clear cutting and spraying herbicide. Clear cutting is an outdated practice and it is my understanding (from the VN article) that there is evidence that older trees are particularly good at storing carbon. And, I worry about what the herbicide will do to the lake and all of the animals that live in the surrounding area. I understand some work needs to be done and I understand the need for some logging...but clear cutting and leaving only a few feet of trees as a buffer between the clear cut and the hiking trails will ruin the experience for people who seek the peace, solitude, and mental health benefits of being in the woods.

Please reconsider this plan and also consider designating Lake Tarleton a scenic area.