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Comments: When I thought about where I wanted to send my son to camp for the summer, I chose a camp on the shores of Lake Tarleton for many reasons, some of the most important being:

- 1) I wanted my son to see the beauty of pristine New Hampshire wilderness.
- 2) I wanted my son to appreciate the value of land with no visible signs of mankind's interference with the natural world.
- 3) I wanted my son to learn to live side by side with and respect all creatures in their natural habitat, including bugs, mammals, fish, and birds native to this part of New Hampshire.

I did not think I might have to begrudgingly teach him that the area around his camp is being threatened by:

- 1) harmful commercial logging that is proposed across 900 acres of the Lake Tarleton watershed, jeopardizing the lake's excellent water quality and heightening the risk for sediment pollution and harmful algal blooms
- 2) people who lie and use phrases like "forest restoration," "habitat improvement," and "even-age management" to cover up the truth about what will really happen to the land, water and biodiversity - like how clearcutting will degrade forest health, jeopardize water quality, and endanger biodiversity.
- 3) removal of old-growth and mature trees, which form the backbone of their ecosystems, absorbing the greatest amount of carbon dioxide, maintaining genetic diversity and providing habitat for all sorts of life.

If the "Lake Tarleton Integrated Resource Project" plan is approved, my son will see up close humanity's failure to preserve a treasured landscape for future generations to enjoy.

Please designate a Scenic Area in the landscape surrounding spectacular Lake Tarleton, Lake Katherine, Lake Armington, and stretching along the Appalachian Trail corridor north to Webster Slide, and Wachipauka Pond. Please reclassify as a MA 8.5!!