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Comments: To the United States Forest Service:

I am writing to urge you to designate Lake Tarleton as a scenic area in order to protect the Tarleton's unique wilderness character, and preserve the area for recreational opportunities. I have spent over ten summers living on Lake Tarleton's shores, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and water skiing in the lake; hiking and exploring in the wooded areas surrounding the lake; and generally cherishing the serenity and beauty of the landscape. Lake Tarleton is where I learned to appreciate, respect, and love nature. I grew up in Brooklyn, New York and was used to living in a crowded, hectic, and ever-growing city. The summers that I spent on Lake Tarleton were a rejuvenating and wholesome respite from my time in the city, where I was able to take in the beauty of the wilderness, and learn how to be in nature. I have a distinct memory of sitting around the camp fire amongst friends and camp counselors and hearing the story of Kingswood Camp's long history on Lake Tarleton. Part of what made that story so special was the promise that the wilderness of Tarleton, after having been given over to the WMNF, would be preserved and protected in perpetuity. I remember experiencing that promise of Lake Tarleton's enduring wilderness as having an almost sacred character - there was comfort and reassurance in knowing that no matter how much the world changed and my hectic hometown expanded, the peace and wilderness of Tarleton would remain intact for generations to come. It would be devastating if such a special place were disrupted for a resource project. I urge the United States Forest Service to designate Tarleton as a scenic area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucas Slevin