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Lake Tarleton and its surrounding areas are classic examples of the beauty within New Hampshire's White Mountains. The lake itself has crystal clear water, is mostly undeveloped, and offers excellent kayaking, boating, fishing, and bird watching. The lake backdrop is the magnificent Mount Moosilauke, with miles of untouched forest in between.
The US Forestry Service is proposing a plan that includes logging, clear-cutting land around the lake, and applying herbicides to control invasive plants. The current plan is to perform these tasks just 100 feet from the shores of the lake.
No plant or animal is more invasive than mankind. Leave the area alone: no logging, no herbicides. Let nature take care of its plant and animal life as we let it do in designated wilderness areas. Nature has done a very good job of protecting the environment for thousands of years whereas man has created a global environmental disaster in a fraction of the time.
The White Mountains in general has seen an enormous increase in tourists in the past few years, triggered in part by the pandemic. If you want proof of this, check out Lincoln Woods on the weekend, when parking overflows onto the Kancamagus Highway. Improving access to Lake Tarleton and Lake Katherine is sure to increase traffic to these hidden gems, which lay on the outskirts of the main White Mountains attractions. Let's not make this area look like a Walmart parking lot.