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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Ibarguen and District Ranger Brown,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed logging included in the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project. This area is special to me and my family because I will be getting married on the shore of Lake Tarleton at Camp Kingswood this summer. We selected this location because we love the beauty of the White Mountain National Forest, and specifically the area around Mount Moosilauke. I spent several months working on Mount Moosilauke and am still the volunteer trail adopter for the Snapper Trail on the mountain. When we decided to get married, we fell in love with the location of Camp Kingswood largely because of its view-- which includes Mount Moosilauke. It also includes the incredible forested hills along the edge of the lake and rising up towards Moosilauke in the distance. While I am not opposed to logging operations on public lands, I do not believe this an appropriate area for the proposed harvesting. The area is incredibly scenic and contains significant natural resources that I believe should be protected. It would take decades for the area to recover from the type of disturbance that is proposed in the Integrated Resource Project. I urge you to remove the harvesting elements of this project and act to designate this area as scenic. To say nothing of the inherent natural value of this area, and its non-monetary value to locals and visitors alike, I believe its current value in supporting outdoor recreation and tourism support the local economy. I believe that the proposed harvesting included in this project would degrade this value.

Thank you for your time,

Gerben Scherpbier