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Comments: It saddens me to hear that the Tarleton area may soon be subject to the same seemingly relentless forces that seek to turn land "into" something that affect so much of the world already. The idea of logging the shores of the lake affects me personally as someone who has been lucky enough to grow up on those shores, who has visited those shores in each of the past 17 years, and who has framed pictures of its unique landscape hanging on the walls in his home. But it's not just a personal issue, or even a people issue. As with any decision to shift into an exploitative relationship with land that has gone largely untouched for years, it's not possible to fully account for all the life that will be adversely-and permanently-affected by human whim. And it's not a decision that's easily reversed, once the first trees have fallen. So please reconsider this course of action now, before committing to it. I urge you instead to designate the Lake Tarleton and Webster Slide Mountain as a Scenic Area and continue to preserve an area whose true value will only increase in this way. Thank you.