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As a NH property owner and property-tax payer, I understand the value of the state's remarkable scenic beauty in attracting visitors, new residents, and safeguarding the dwindling old forests that keep our air cool and clean, and provide the quality of life that's gradually disappearing in so much of the country.

I jointly own a small cabin in New London, NH with my siblings and have grown up in the state. Our cabin is on a lake at the bottom of a long hill. I personally have witnessed exactly what happens when sections of hillside above a lake are clearcut. A large field up the road from our cabin was cleared several years ago, and thereafter whenever there is a hard rain, sediment washes down the hill and into the lake via a tiny, seasonal feeder brook that runs from the bottom of the hill into the lake, turning what was once a thriving watery marsh area bordering the lake into a mud & sand flat. The sediment is continuing to build up and is now pushing its way deeper into the lake.

The logging, clearcutting, thinning, etc proposed for the forests around Lake Tarleton will be damaging to the lake, the wildlife that depends on unbroken stretches of protected forest habitat, and of course the scenic beauty and recreational potential of the forest itself.

NH has beautiful forests that attract visitors from all over the world who spend money in the state. If the recreational uses and future recreational potential, along with the peaceful scenic beauty of those forests, is destroyed for short-term profit, it will leave stretches of forest that will take generations to regrow. The destruction will essentially be a permanent degradation of the land, and of the clear waters of Lake Tarleton. This should be protected national forest for recreation & wildlife, not for logging, preserved forever for all generations to enjoy.