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Comments: I strongly object to the ill-conceived implementation of the White Mountain National Forest Tarleton Integrated Resource Project. Even though I am a Boston resident, the designated area is part of a NATIONAL forest. As such, I have the right to request that the WMNFS propose reasonable alternatives for the project in its current form.

I spent ten summers as a camper and counselor at Camp Kingswood from 1966 to 76 and have revisited this pristine lake and forest a number of times since then. Lake Tarleton and its surroundings have been a memorable part of my life and provided some of my earliest and most treasured experiences with nature.

I learned to swim, sail, fish and waterski in the pristine waters of Lake Tarleton. I spent time camping in the forests. Every morning I enjoyed the spectacular views of the forest and Mount Moosilauke.

Over the years, thousands and thousands of people have enjoyed the incomparable beauty and majesty of the largest lake in the White Mountain National Forest and the incomparable scenic view of the virtually untouched forest and mountains. They have enjoyed hiking the Appalachian and other trails.

The WMNFS' FONSI suggesting that this project would make 'no significant negative impact on this land is ludicrous. As required by law, a detailed environmental impact study (EIS) needs to be prepared and available for public comment. Additionally, serious alternative proposals need to be offered.

I ask the WMFS to properly change the zoning of the Lake Tarleton project to properly reflect its importance. The project area should be reclassified from the current MA 2.1 (General Forest Management) designation to be adjusted to a MA 8.5 (Scenic Area), which would prohibit timber extraction, cell towers, wind turbines, and other development that would diminish the area's scenic, cultural, or natural values.

The Lake Tarleton region is a uniquely beautiful and serene habitat that has miraculously escaped significant shoreline development or other major visible signs of mankind's interference with the natural world. The White Mountain National Forest should put in place protections to safeguard this land for perpetuity.

Please do not destroy the Lake Tarleton area by permitting commercial logging on this important piece of land. The wishes and needs of the people need to be respected.

I trust that you will consider my comments prior to making a final determination on the Lake Tarleton Project. I would like to hear back from the decision-makers stating their case if they proceed with this project as it is presently planned.

Respectfully submitted,

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