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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam:

I write to express my grave concern about the Lake Tarleton Integrated Resource Project. I have lived in Piermont all my life. First, during the summers and now, more full time. This area is very important to myself and my family. I have read the proposal and there are many unanswered questions. Although the proposal seems to minimize the clear cutting that will occur, this is disingenuous. The scope of logging proposed is far too large for this area. We need old growth forests now more than ever; they are better at providing a habitat for wildlife and better at sequestering carbon. They also help protect the water quality, they slow down runoff and sedimentation. There are alternatives to explore here that are far less damaging than the current proposal. I remember that over 20 years ago, 7 million dollars was raised to protect to protect the area around Lake Tarleton and now, the WMNF threatens to harm that very area we fought for. This proposal is environmentally irresponsible and I urge you to reject it.

Thank you