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Comments: Please designate the forest around Lake Tarleton (known as Lake Tarleton/Webster Slide) as a Scenic Area and please cancel the Lake Tarleton Integrated Project.

I have spent 20 + summers on this lake and surrounding forest, please don't cut down 880 acres of trees. In keeping with the intent of the original land acquisition, the White Mountain National Forest should remove this and all future threats to Lake Tarleton's surrounding forest by amending the 2005 White Mountain National Forest Plan and designating a Scenic Area in the landscape surrounding spectacular Lake Tarleton, Lake Katherine, Lake Armington, and stretching along the Appalachian Trail corridor north to Webster Slide, and Wachipauka Pond. This contiguous landscape is among the most scenic in the Granite State. And yet, the White Mountain National Forest has failed to designate any Scenic Areas west of I-93. For the benefit of the local tourism and recreation economy, and for the integrity of this treasured landscape, including Abenaki and early colonial historical resources, it's past time to permanently remove the threat of logging and development by amending the White Mountain National Forest management plan and designating a Scenic Area. There is no Reasonable Alternative offered! The White Mountain National Forest presents the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project as an all or nothing proposition: We can either log 900 acres of publicly-owned land in one of the most scenic watersheds in New Hampshire's White Mountains AND do important restoration and maintenance work for recreation sites and cultural resources; OR we can do nothing at all. Ridiculous.