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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project.
Lake Tarleton is one of the largest lakes in the White Mountain National Forest and located within NH-02. Its surrounding forest is a unique pristine mountain region that supports 4-season recreation and a thriving wildlife habitat. It has two public accesses - a beach for summer beachgoers and a boat ramp for summer and winter activities. People in kayaks, canoes, and small recreational boats come to enjoy this jewel of NH, currently free of invasive aquatic species. The trail along the water's edge passes through a lush maturing forest enjoyed by thousands of hikers and campers. The lake and its forest are now threatened. There is a proposal by the WMNF to log 880 acres and extract 5-million board-feet of lumber, mostly around Lake Tarleton and sister Lake Katherine. Much of this is on wet slopes that serve as the watershed for Lake Tarleton. Once cut, the forest will be vulnerable to invasive species, which will then be treated with herbicides. The cutting will be done within 100-feet of the lake's shoreline where much of the hiking trail passes through.