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Comments: I am a hiker, kayaker and wildlife observer, and am concerned about the long term health of Lake Tarleton and the scenic value it offers to our area. There is no question that the 2005 White Mountain National Forest Plan should be amended immediately, and finally designate a Scenic Area around
Lake Tarleton and the other valuable lakes in the area, including along the AT corridor to Webster Slide and Wachipauka Pond.
This is one of most scenic and wild landscapes in New Hampshire, and has rare features such as good water quality and wildlife corridors. It is a very special place for the local economy in terms of the tourism such special places attract.
Cutting the forest threatens the area's long term survival, due to the threat to the plants, wildlife, water and people.
In so many lakes in New England, we see the detrimental affects of logging and development, such as sediment deposits and algal blooms, which create water bodies that are poisonous to humans and animals alike.
This is the time to save one of the few lakes left that is still in good condition!