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Comments: I'm writing to express my vehement opposition to logging the forest adjacent to Lake Tarleton.

The view from the western shore of Lake Tarleton towards Mount Moosilauke past Mount Mist and Webster Slide is critical to many lives. Thousands of young people behold that majestic view of pure nature every summer. The panorama burns an image into their souls. And they carry it with them for the rest of their lives.

I know because I was one of those kids. From age eight to eleven (1988 to 1991), I fell in love with that view as a summer camper. I swam and fished in Lake Tarleton and hiked Webster Slide and Mount Moosilauke. It was the only place where I could immerse myself in natural beauty, glimpsing the world before buildings, roads, pastures, and power lines dominated the landscape.

For years afterward, that view pulled me back to those magical shores time and time again. I remember it like it was yesterday. And future visitors deserve to enjoy the same timeless view.

The prospect of clear-cutting the western slope of Webster Slide and thinning the forest towards Lake Tarleton is soul-destroying. There's no hyperbole in saying this.

Imagine a sacred place whose natural splendor brings you closer to what it means to be alive. While the USFS may not be aware, Lake Tarleton and its pristine views of the White Mountains represent that sacred place for many.

The Lake Tarleton watershed must remain as it is now. The trees need to stand uncut, their majestic beauty inspiring generations of young people. Depriving them of that opportunity would be too steep a price for two-by-fours and printer paper.