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Comments: This comment is in opposition to the proposed Tarleton Resource Project.

How do you teach a boy to leave no trace while across the way we gut the forest?

Throughout my childhood and teenage years, I spent weeks and months of each summer on Lake Tarleton attending Kingswood Camp for Boys. Time spent on the lake and in the surrounding wilderness proved educational and formative. I attribute my career and lifestyle choices today (job in organic farming and a conscious reduction of my environmental footprint) to those formative years at Kingswood, particularly our time spent in the forest, of which nearly 900 acres is now scheduled to be cut.

I'm no scientist and I remain unversed in the classification system used by the Forest Service, but my eyes serve well enough: the region in question is pristinely wild and undoubtedly scenic. Lake Tarleton matches in majesty many of our National Parks.

Because of its natural beauty and because the space serves as a hub for recreation, education, and stewardship of the environment, the Forest Service ought to reevaluate the region for reclassification to either Scenic Area (MA 8.5) or Wilderness Area or another more protective zoning than the current General Forest Management (MA 2.1), which allows the region to face the annual threat of the Forest Service's revenue targets.

Please consider a reevaluation and reclassification of this land. It is scenic, it is wild, and it is used by citizens of all ages, for enjoyment, education, and enlightenment.

Thank you,

-Garrett Brown