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Comments: Hello- I first stepped foot on the shores of Lake Tarleton in 1990. Even as a nine year old, I was immediately struck by the beauty of the area and the views looking east over the lake. I have spent time on Lake Tarleton nearly every summer in the 30+ years since. My parents wonder why I still go back every summer over 10 years after I stopped working at Kingswood Camp. There are many reasons involving the camp and the people, but I tell my parents that even if there were no one there, I would still want to go simply because of the setting and the scenery. I held true to this in 2020 when virtually no one was there when I visited.

I was always under the impression that the land surrounding Lake Tarleton was protected, so I was shocked to hear about the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project. After doing some research it seems that when the area was given over to White Mountain National Forest, the intention was indeed to keep the area protected from any projects that would compromise the scenery and the activities that happen on and around the lake.

I have visited many beautiful places around the world, but to me the views from the west side of Lake Tarleton, looking towards the beautiful forests and Mount Moosilauke in the distance, are unmatched. The area should certainly be designated as a scenic area. It seems this must have been an oversight when zoning was done, as I know anyone who has spent time around Lake Tarleton would share my opinion on the views. Please do the right thing and give this area its rightful and correct designation as a scenic area.

Thank you for your time.