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Comments: Dear Saco District Team & USFS,

I am 53 years old and have grown up in Wonalancet my whole life and have some real concerns about what is currently being proposed. Given the state of the world, the idea of taking DOWN trees, seems counter intuitive. Many of us have been trying desperately to protect these woodlots our whole lives. Please see my areas of concern below:

1. What will the visual impact be on the Wonalancet Valley? From what I heard the impact could be quite substantial and very noticeable. How do you plan to address this? Will the residents have a say before cutting begins? How will we be kept in the loop? What is the timeline?

2. What will the herbicides do to the vegetation and wildlife in the surrounding areas? What EXACT herbicide is being proposed, and how much, and why? We swim, drink the water, and grow our food here. WE DO NOT TAKE THIS LIGHTLY.

3. Who will let us know what is being put in the watershed, and what the effect will be on the vegetation and animals? Again, do we have a say here? How will you communicate?

3. Who is letting us know what, how much and when herbicides are being used, and how can we prevent the watershed being affected? Again, we drink and swim and grow our food here.

2. How will the USFA be communicating with the people who live in the area? How will we know who to contact? What is the timeline?

4. What trees are you taking down and why? Are they valuable or a fire hazard? Is this for profit, or is it for the environment?

5. With regard to carbon assessment and value, how will we be informed of this? Will these findings be used to modify plans?

6. Will there be more access to specific and detailed

information about what is planned? Before it is happening?

Thank you for hearing my very serious concerns here. This could have a huge impact, and be a real game-changer for this whole area. [I feel like the Lorax. I speak for the trees, seeing as they cannot.] If we continue to take down trees over and over, pretty soon, we will lose the magic of this amazing place. Thank you for hearing me.