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Comments: The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. Founded in 1911, the NHTOA's 1300 members represent private timberland owners and businesses that harvest and utilize timber in their manufacturing process (i.e. sawmills, paper mills, etc.). The NHTOA's mission is to promote working forests, support responsible forest management, and ensure a strong forest industry and we believe the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project (project #57392) supports this mission and for this reason, the NHTOA is writing to express our support for the proposed project.

Moreover, this project also helps accomplish several of the goals articulated in the White Mountain National Forest's 2005 Land and Resource Management Plan. Specifically the production of high quality forest products, and desirable wildlife habitats (i.e., increasing spruce-fir and aspen-birch habitat types).

The NHTOA looks forward to continuing to participate in this scoping process. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project further please contact me at 603-674-8148.

Thank you,

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