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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. Please see my comments below:

1. Use of herbicides. I am not in favor of the use of herbicides. The USDA has a terrible track record here, and we know that authorized use of approved herbicides have caused health impacts and environmental damage to soils and watersheds. We grow food here. We drink the water here. We are not in favor of the use of herbicides to manage vegetation.
 2. Economics. Is this project being funded by sale of high value timber such as oak and beech? I am concerned that the high value of standing timber in the forest can make marginally viable forest management projects seem viable. Is this being done for profit?
 3. Environment. The project information available to the public does not appear to adequately address the carbon impact of removing trees from proposed areas. The carbon sequestration of the northern forest is significant and we are at a critical time where all forms of carbon sequestration should be highly regarded. While I am in favor of taking the long view on the health and viability of the forest, at this point in time a mature tree has societal benefits that are not being taken into account.
 4. View. We value the viewsheds here. Not only from the mountain tops but from the valleys where we live.
- Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. Please keep us informed as this project moves forward.
- Matt Sargent