Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/5/2023 3:59:19 PM

First name: Edward Last name: Wetherby

Organization:

Title:

Comments: THE INHERENT SIZE AND NATURE OF THE US FOREST SERVICE TENDS TO LIMIT ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND TO CRISES EVEN WHEN THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS OBVIOUS. EXISTING TREES ARE BETTER LEFT STANDING RIGHT NOW. BEFORE I WAS BORN IN RUTLAND, VT ON DECEMBER 14, 1955, MY GRANDFATHER BARNEY WETHERBY OWNED A 650 ACRE FARM IN THE RUTLAND AREA AND OPERATED A SAWMILL WITH HIS BROTHER. THEY CUT TIMBER ALL OVER CENTRAL VERMONT. ALL THAT FARM/FOREST LAND WAS SOLD BEFORE 1955. IT WAS NOT SUSTAINABLE THEN, IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE NOW. DURING MY COLLEGE YEARS AT UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO (BS FORESTRY 1980) MY AFTERNOONS WERE FILLED WITH LAB COURSES THAT GAVE ME THE REQUIRED PROBLEM SOLVING TOOLS TO SUCCEED IN THE WORLD OF WOOD MANUFACTURING/ ENGINEERING (STANLEY TOOLS-PITTSFIELD, VT 1984-2002). WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH Project #60192