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Comments: Hello,

My name is Reed Wilcox. I am a Pittsfield resident and live right off upper Michigan road. This forest is my backyard, my living room and a piece of my family's heart and soul. I've walked many a mile through these mountains on and off trail. There is no need for logging of this forest. Man cannot play god in nature. Look how that works out west with "controlled burns". I am confident that I don't want the noise and inconvenience of logging trucks all over our road as well.

I am an avid backcountry skier, mountain biker, hiker, fly fisherman and rock/ice climber. Your plan seems to first and foremost be focused on logging. The velomont trail is already happening and the hut was already there but was destroyed by arson. All I really see in your plan that is new are the viewpoints that will be created and the short loop trail at the forest hq in mendon. Big deal...especially when the trade off is the logging of 12,000 acres. I think it's clear who your plan really is favoring and it isn't outdoor recreation or the environment. It is loggers.

I'd be happy to discuss with anyone who wants to talk

Sincerely

Reed