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Comments: I want to object to the clearcutting that is proposed along Townsend Brook in Pittsfield. I live across from the brook and frequently hike, bike and snowshoe along Townsend Brook Road up to Chittenden. I am very familiar with this area. Many times, I have found that road impassable on a bike after a rain due runoff and flooding. I am very concerned what will happen with erosion of that road after the side of the mountain is clearcut. It is a well known fact that trees slow down erosion and add to the health of soil and purity of streams. If you clear cut, erosion will get worse. You acknowledge in your plan that erosion is a problem in this area as you plan to realign a portion of Townsend Brook Road near mile post .75. When Hurricane Irene came through this area, a good portion of that road washed out. It took over a year to make it passable. Please reconsider clearcutting this area.