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Comments: These comments are on behalf of The Rutland County Audubon Board. Concerns for carbon sequestration should be a primary part of implementing this plan. Harvesting local trees in a sustainable manner and using them locally is a positive thing. This provides jobs and helps drive the local economy. Using wood products locally that have come from overseas or across North America have a greater carbon footprint. Do not harvest the oldest trees or the oldest tree stands in the forest, even if not technically old growth. These areas provide unique habitat for bats and other wildlife. Every effort should be made to eradicate invasive species in the National Forest. Disturbed areas should be managed for invasive species long term. Logging and other disturbance of the forest should not occur during the bird nesting season. Protecting existing bird and wildlife habitat should be a primary goal of the project. Diversifying the habitat is a good thing through logging and other management is desirable. All commercial logging operations on public land should be policed to be sure that best logging practices are being followed. The logged and other disturbed areas should be policed for litter and discharge of oil or other pollutants during and following the completion of the project.