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Comments: I would like to commend the forest service for their thoughtful and well balanced planning for this IRP.

The planned timber harvest of many different silvicultural treatments is well thought out and should continue to provide a great diversity of habitat for wildlife while maintaining a diverse, healthy and productive forest into the future, which will be key to remain resilient in the face of climate change. The sequestration of carbon from regeneration and planting while not a complete substitute for carbon storage in older trees is a key piece often forgotten about.

I hope that plantings and non-commercial harvests will favor species with greater potential in the face of climate change including more southern or lowland species in Vermont like oaks.

My only concern for this project is the ability to find logging contractors to complete low quality harvests. I urge the forest service to combine as much as possible to entice contractors to complete the full gamut of treatments without overpaying for harvest work.

Thank you all for your work on this and future projects in GMNF.