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Comments: Having lived at South Pond in my youth, I find myself emotionally torn between the love I felt for the true wilderness that surrounded me then, and the proposed changes that may be implemented with this entire plan! My lifelong connection to Nordic skiing and promoting winter experience is part of this project that I can hopefully support with certain caveats. Trails are wonderful, but they must be supported by the infrastructure of trailhead parking and the experience that is personal to those who choose to utilize these trails must be appreciated, respected and ultimately maintained! I also, firmly believe that most people don't want to look at a fresh clear cut in the middle of a wilderness experience. As a builder for 40 years, I do see the need for the use of logs for lumber, firewood and pulp, but the extent of this cutting project in an area that has extensive viewpoints from the proposed trails is something I cannot get behind. The fact that trees are our source of beauty, oxygen, that they are carbon holders and homes to millions of animals, fauna and lichen that give to us without needing anything but protection... I have to ask, what is the greater good of this entire project? Will it help the logging industry, no doubt. Will it increase Recreation traffic through a very beautiful part of this world, absolutely! Will it help the Forest Service to maintain its budget, for sure! At some point we all must ask however, can we sustain our voracious behaviors of each of these industries? Is this project ultimately for the greater good of the public long term?