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Comments: I am a concerned steward of 69 acres of mixed hardwoods, conifers and hayfields.

Over the past 60 years, with the help of foresters, friends, family and neighboring farmers I have learned much about managing our land for timber, firewood, and haylage/silage, all the while protecting our only spring water source, natural pond, wildlife corridors and habitats. It was brought to my attention 5 years ago that our land stewardship would be expanding to include a vast number of invasive plant species. My neighbors on all sides , through timber harvesting and brush hogging had introduced Buckthorn, Chervil, and Poison Parsnip. These newly established invasives are our problem too. I realize now that timber harvesting forests of any size will invite the take over of Invasive Plants, compromise our native forests and change forever our beautiful Green Mountains.