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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to object to the Tarleton Integrated Resource Project #56394. As a local to this beautiful area I find it disheartening to know that this project is seen as having no significant impact, when it would wreck havoc on this gem in the White Mountains. There are loons and eagles on the lake who nest their every single year - the destruction and noise that would come from a logging operation would have a significant impact on them, regardless of how far off shore the project is taking place. Not only will it disrupt the animals who use this area as their home, what about the impact it will have on the water source? Uprooting trees in acres at a time disrupts the ecosystem in the ground, above ground, and changes the way water NATURALLY flows to its intended sources. In the project it states , "The project includes management actions to diversify vegetation and wildlife habitat while providing a sustainable yield of high-quality timber products, address transportation system needs, and improve recreational opportunities." This is a bizarre statement for me to see. What does diversify vegetation mean when the area is surrounded by plants native to the land? Ferns, reishi, blackberries, wild blueberries, chicken of the woods, wood sorrel, spring beauties, ash, birch, pine, and many other plants and trees are thriving in the forest around the Lake. How does a forest service plan to diversify wildlife? That's almost laughable- taking even a short walk around Lake Tarleton and you will hear loon calls, see eagles, moose tracks, hear woodpeckers, see frogs, and salamanders. The diversity of the wildlife on Lake Tarleton is the same diversity you see in any of the other woods in New Hampshire. Then we move on to improving recreational opportunities- for who? The many people who love, cherish, and spend their time at Lake Tarleton find it full of recreational activities from swimming, to kayaking, boating, fishing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, ice skating, tubing, camping, plant walks, star gazing, watching sunrises and sunsets. The view of Mount Moosilauke between Webster and Mist is iconic and this logging project would ruin that. Not to mention there is ample amount of history to Lake Tarleton and the woods surrounding it, this project will ruin and disrupt that history and those historical sites. It seems as through this project is nothing more than the USDA Forest Service once again looking to make money off of logging timber at the expense of the wildlife and natural ecosystem that already exist in this area. If this wasn't the case, then the USDA Forest Service would be listening to and hearing the concerns of ALL the people who actively USE the Lake and can attest to it being a gem just the way it is. Nature does not need human interventions to thrive and take of itself.