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Comments: Withdrawing the average from public use seems like an excellent step forward in protecting our resources. As we face increasingly dramatic climate impacts, having 20+ thousand acres of forest intact in the DMV will be an important way to mitigate ecosystem disruption for certain vulnerable species and potentially disrupt some heat-island effects. More importantly, reducing mineral extraction and guaranteeing the maintenance of this and other forest tracts as carbon sinks is going to be a key action across the country as we must change our attitude toward the ecosystem costs of our high-impact cultural lifestyle and begin truly planning for an uncertain climate future.