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Comments: It is understood that President Roosevelt established the Forest Service in 1905 to provide quality water and timber for the Nation's benefit. Back then, climate change, global warming, and their consequences did not exist. The Forest Service must now take them into consideration in every project they propose.

Since stressors on animal life, animal corridors, and the environment will only increase over time, we would like to see:

1. A plan should be developed for more acreage for old growth forests (for carbon sequestration and beauty) , because under the header "Management Area", there is [middot] no listing. It is noted in the report that old growth forest is rare within the GMNF, so we would like to see a plan that includes steps to set aside areas that will become old growth in the future. In our opinion, 765 acres is not enough for old forest planning.

There are 1,891 acres mapped as partial old forest within the project area

"There are 765 acres of old forest designated per State of Vermont criteria within the project area."

1. Limiting soil erosion, and soil stabilization with soil improvements must be done.
2. Removing the dam would be beneficial.
3. Establishment of the Velomont Trail would open up the forest to more people, so they can enjoy this natural resource.
4. Establishing vistas for visual quality on the trails would be a positive goal.
5. Harvest methods we leave up to your expertise, however, our preference is selective cuttings.