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Comments: I work for the State of New Hampshire within the Division of Forests & Lands as the Environmental Reviewer for NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB). NHB provides information on native plants and natural communities to assist landowners and land managers. The ecologists and botanists in NHB analyze data on the status, location, and distribution of rare or declining native plant species and natural communities to protect NH's biodiversity.

NHB's database contains information on 7600 native plants, wildlife and exemplary natural communities in New Hampshire. NHB develops recommendations for the protection, conservation, enhancement and management of NH's native plants and natural communities.

I am reaching out to provide comment on the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project which includes a combination of silvicultural and fuels treatments to obtain desired conditions of the White Mountain National Forest Land and Management Plan.

There may be rare plants or exemplary natural communities in proximity to these locations. We recommend submitting the projects on the Datacheck Tool to be screened for potential impacts to rare plants, exemplary natural communities, and threatened/endangered wildlife species. NHB DataCheck Tool:
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/NHB-DataCheck/>

If you have questions on submitting on the DataCheck Tool, please contact Maddie Severance at (603)271-0687 or email NHBReview@dncr.nh.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this project.

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