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Comments: My wife and I own a home and 90 acres of woodland in Wolfeboro. We have had several harvest cuts conducted on our property in the 29 years we have lived here. The results of these harvests have consistently improved the number of species of wildlife that we have here but also the numbers of individual species. Our lives have been enriched by nature.

We have more beneficial insects, pollinators, songbirds, birds of prey, whippoorwills, grouse, woodcock, foxes, deer, and more.

Letting light get to the ground by a harvest stimulates the growth of dense, brushy habitat that is necessary for the successful propagation of many species. Many of these species are in decline because humans do not allow them a place to live.

I strongly support the idea of allowing tree harvesting within the WMNF. I am confident that the procedure will be carried out in a professional manner, wildlife will benefit, the wood will mostly be used for housing which will sequester the carbon for many years and it will be a win/win for wildlife and humanity without harming the environment.