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I would like to provide comment on the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project Draft Environmental Assessment. I feel the White Mountain National Forest should provide a detailed "No Action" alternative that investigates the benefits of leaving the forest as it is. These healthy, mature forests store vast amounts of carbon, and they will recover the characteristics of an old-growth forest if allowed to grow older. I would like to see an assessment done that takes into consideration NOT logging.

Lastly, the WMNF last revised its management plan in 2005, and climate change was given little attention, apparently. The threat of climate change and its impacts has increased exponentially in the years since. Forest Plans are required by law to be revised after 15 years. Thus, how can the public trust a Forest Plan that was developed without taking climate change and its impacts into consideration?

Thank you,

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