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Comments: I am very concerned about the current plans for the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392. I live on Ferncroft Road in Wonalancet because I value what the land in its natural state has to offer me.

After reading the project proposal draft, my concerns are:

#1. The White Mountain National Forest management plan is outdated and does not take into account the impact of climate change. The increased rainfall this summer has already negatively impacted our streams and hiking trails.

#2. Logging, road construction, skid trails, and the possible use of herbicides, will degrade the health of the forest, jeopardize water quality, heighten the risk of flooding, negatively effect biodiversity, damage the habitat of the federally-endangered Northern Long-eared Bat, and other rare and imperiled species.

#3. Mature Growth Forests store carbon and logging and/or burning will release more carbon into the atmosphere and worsen the climate crisis. The Forest Service has been directed to CONSERVE mature forests by an executive order issued by President Biden in 2022

#4. Please consider providing a detailed "No Action Alternative" that researches all of the benefits of leaving the forest as it is.