Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/23/2023 4:00:00 AM First name: Jane Last name: Goldthwait Organization: Title: Comments: Dear Forest Service Personnel:

I oppose the logging in the White Mountain National Forest on the south face of Flat Mountain. Let's keep out beautiful state beautiful.

The logging will take away homes of animals who rightly need to live there. Dead trees are useful to animals.

Plants that grow in mature Forests need to be undisturbed. Too many mature forests have been cut often enough that the forest does not grow back into a mature forest before it is cut again.

Trails in the Sandwich Range Wilderness have many people hiking them. Those people do not harm the forest, but love it. It is good to see mature forests growing and providing shelter for animals and plants and good hiking for people.

Mature forests are the best protection from erosion. Our earth needs more protected mature forests for holding moisture, giving us oxygen, holding soil in place, and housing and feeding birds and animals.

Sincerely,

Jane Goldthwait