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Comments: The Chocorua Lake Conservancy would like to voice concerns about recreation and recreational trails and access within the Sandwich Vegetation Management areas. After reviewing the plan, EA, and maps we would like to propose the following questions/ concerns:

1. What is the proposed recreational trail buffer? We are concerned about the scenic and visual integrity along all historic hiking trails (Liberty and Brook trails) and how the vegetation management plan will affect that. We are especially concerned with the RX burn and other practices that will be occurring on both sides or adjacent to recreational trails and what length/size of the buffers will be implemented to protect the network of trails.
2. Will recreational trails be utilized in any way to carry out the vegetation management plan?
3. Will there be any improvement to recreational trails or other recreational areas?
4. Will BMPS be used to ensure water and soil quality and what methods will be employed?
5. It seems as though the veg. mgt will take place in the Fall and Winter Season. Will there be any efforts to avoid trail closures or the closure of recreational areas?
6. Will herbicides be used in the vegetation management plan?

Thank you,

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