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Comments: My name is Philip Christopher Walsh and I'm 12 years old. I live at 136 Ferncroft Road. I oppose this project because I hike and cross-country ski in this area. Recently I hiked the Liberty Trail with The Junior Squam Lake Association up to Mount Chocorua. I was amazed by the beauty of the mountain and the view. Today I looked at the map of the project and realized that the forest all along the trail would be burnt and destroyed. I understand the risk of wildfires but I'm against the chemicals and carbon that this fire will release. Near my house I love to ride my mountain bike on the trails that will be closed and ruined by the cutting. I imagine all the animals, the bears, deer, birds, insects, mice and moose whose homes would be gone. In this modern world there aren't many pristine forests left. I realized that the amazing wildlife and habitat behind my house would never be the same after this project.