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Comments: This project is essential to assure a diverse forest range of varying age class in the region. New England is home to 388 species of species that have either a primary or secondary dependence on second growth successional habitat. This project will create such habitat. Unfortunately the natural disasters which once disturbed the forests and created such habitat are few and far between, and can not be relied on to create successional growth. To not go forward with the plan is to essentially relegate the species dependent on the habitat it will create to a path of extinction. Being a steward of the environment means taking a balanced approach, and sometimes making decisions that are not intuitive.