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Comments: Greetings,

I am concerned about the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. I understand that we need some forest products for our society, but I am worried that common practices are no longer relevant in the 21st century.

The mature forests in the Sandwich Range are sequestering carbon and promoting biodiversity. The Sandwich range feeds an aquifer that many citizens rely on for clean water. The White Mountains are a hard to quantify resource for tourism and scenic beauty. Clear cutting would erode that value and degrade the lively hood of local people. The industrial machinery that will be brought in to do this work only contributes to global warming.

President Biden has directed the Forest Service to conserve mature forests like this one. Have you considered just leaving the Sandwich Range as is?

At the very least would you please consider updating management practices to address society's greater needs for; clean air and water, to protect the rights and the homes of wild plants of animals, and to eliminate activities that contribute to climate change?

I would like to thank you in advance for your ethical consideration, and your efforts to make better and more appropriate choices that improve life on this planet for all who live on it, now and in the future.

Sincerely, Tom Holtey.