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Comments: I am appalled by and totally opposed to the proposed logging operation in the Sandwich Range - Project - 57392. I have experienced and watched the logging done in Hemenway State Forest some years ago which severely impacted the natural beauty of those areas. With the recent effects of climate change so evident in our country, Biden's Executive Order directing the Forest Service to conserve mature forests should be followed. Once mature forests are logged it takes 75-100 years to recover. Five or 10 or even one or two generations is not sufficient time for recovery! Bats are rapidly disappearing from our environment and decimating the area where the Northern Long-Eared Bat resides when it has been classified as endangered should not happen. There do not seem valid scientific reasons for any logging in these areas. My experience is that the forest service is using these mature forest areas solely for financial gain for the forest service and that any advance plan is simply a rationalization for such activity!