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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project, a logging and prescribed burn project on public land in parts of the Sandwich Range that have extremely-high recreational and environmental value. My understanding is that the operation would be centered at the Ferncroft and Liberty trailheads, both of which would be partially closed, and would extend along six of the hiking trails and numerous ski trails in the area. It is my opinion that logging in a mature forest of such quality underestimates both the recreational and environmental losses that would be incurred in exchange for the financial gains of the logging, or the questionable gains of prescribed burns in reducing the risk of fire. I urge that commercial logging in the White Mountain National Forest be carried out in more remote areas with less recreational and environmental impact, than the southern Sandwich Range.