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Comments: Although I understand that logging is a traditional and accepted use of our National Forests I believe the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project as currently planned has many problems that should prevent the Project from moving to the next stage.

- The current WMNF Forest Plan is out of date and therefore does not provide the necessary framework for creating an Environment Assessment. In particular, the Plan has a lack of concern about our current need to store as much carbon as possible. As the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) admits the "Proposed project activities ... might contribute an extremely small quantity of greenhouse gas emissions...". We should not move forward on a project that will contribute any greenhouse gas emissions.

-The EA does not adequately quantify the impact of the project on recreational use of the project area. The hiker parking lot at Ferncroft is very heavily used. On Sunday, August 27, with grey and drizzly weather, the lot was very nearly full. If half of this lot is closed for the project duration there must be alternative, convenient hiker and skier parking provided. Without alternative parking, the Ferncroft and Wonalancet neighbors will be very negatively impacted.

-The EA section "Consequences of No Action" does nothing to quantify the benefits of taking no action. The lack of impact to wildlife, recreation and neighboring communities of No Action is not noted as a benefit.

I do hope that these and other faults of the EA will show that the "Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact" is in error.

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