Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/27/2023 4:00:00 AM First name: Owen Last name: Thompson-Lastad Organization: Title: Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to this logging plan as it currently exists. I have been coming to the Sandwich Mountains for recreation my whole life. The Ferncroft trailhead is a heavily used starting point for hikers and is not easily replaceable. To haul thousands of trees through that trailhead's parking lot would completely disrupt the public's access to the areas many beloved trails. In addition, I am troubled that the plan doesn't take into account our contemporary understanding of climate change and the value that mature trees have in mitigating climate change. The Forest Service should revise its plan with both public enjoyment of trails and climate change in mind.

Sincerely,

Owen Thompson-Lastad