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Comments: I am writing to express strong opposition to the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project. The entire project needs to be the subject of an official and comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement. The project proposal seems to be based on outdated science and doesn't address contemporary environmental concerns. For example, soil conservation and its carbon sink properties will be put at risk during the logging and road building to be done. This will require the extensive use of heavy equipment. And that is just one of many important concerns.

The project site is hemmed in by Wilderness Area on one side and protected conservation lands and private residences on the other. It is a scenic and recreational area that receives extensive use and the project cannot help but cause significant disruption in those areas for both local residents and visitors.

Information about the project was not adequately distributed and the comment period is too short especially considering its scheduling for the middle of summer.

In summation:

- I am opposed to this project going forward. I am a lifelong resident of the area who lives adjacent to the Sandwich Range. I deeply appreciate its unique qualities and I am seriously concerned the scope of this project will endanger those very qualities and the preservation of the entire area.
- A comprehensive and up-to-date Environmental Impact study must be performed before any part of the project is formally approved.
- The deadline for comments should remain open and extended significantly.
- Adequate information regarding the need for this project has not been provided. Nor have there been any alternatives proposed.

thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

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