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Comments: The Draft Environmental Assessment states in part:

The purpose of this management area is to provide a sustained yield of high-quality timber products; provide a balanced mix of habitats for wildlife; provide a variety of recreation opportunities; and manage high-use or highly developed recreation areas to acceptable social and ecological standards while retaining some low-use and less developed areas (USDA Forest Service 2005a).

I have been coming to the White Mountain National Forest and using the recreational resources of the Sandwich Range since 1955. In the nearly 70 intervening years the timber industry in New Hampshire has decreased in size significantly and the demand for recreational resources has increased. The proposed action will not reverse the trend in the timber industry but it will, in my opinion have a significant adverse impact on the area's recreational resources. I am opposed to the action.