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Comments: I wish to express my complete opposition to the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project, project #57392. It is designed principally to support the logging industry in total ignorance of climate change.

Climate change is real, it already is destroying property, lives, economies, environments, and spaces where humans can survive. It is caused by the multiple actions of economic development, human industry, and the destruction of the environment.

This project increases industrial development, increases the destruction of the environment, as though the threat of climate change were an illusion. It comes at a time when our government is urging all nations to take steps in the opposite direction.

There is no reason for this project as it stands. Economically, the value of the logging industry in this area, present and future, is dwarfed by the value of the recreational and tourist industries.

Environmentally, the project ignores the damage it would do through logging to attempts to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

The only conceivable reason for a project in this area is to reduce the threat of forest fires. But this project appears ignorant of the latest views in this area. Ironically, the best methods for managing the threat of catastrophic fires lie not in twenty-first century tools but in the ways in which indigenous peoples treated forests for the millennia before the arrival of colonists. See, for example, this story that appeared the New York Times two days ago: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/27/world/canada/canada-wildfires-kelowna-british-columbia.html>.

I might add that while the United States has preserved precious regions of the country with national parks, the Northeastern region, with much to value and much to preserve, has only one park. The unique and spectacular areas of New Hampshire are not so preserved. And with this project, they are at risk.

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