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Comments: To: The USDA Forest Service

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Re: Sandwich Vegetation Management Project

I am writing to request that the period for public comment about the proposed Sandwich Vegetative Management Project # 57392 be extended beyond 8/30/2023 until 9/15/2023.

In the Sandwich Range, citizens in organizations and as individuals, work to maintain the extensive system of trails for public use, allowing thousands of hikers, skiers, snow shoers, and snowmobilers to experience the unique forests of our region in all seasons. The current plan, which has not been updated since 2005, raises many serious questions for the citizens of the Tamworth and Sandwich communities where the forest management operations would be carried out for the next decade. I'll begin by asking these:

In what ways has the plan changed in response to the scoping conducted in 2022?

What are the best practices, now, in 2023, regarding forest management to ensure that the agency's activities (as stated in its mandate) maintain and improve the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of current and future generations?

Please extend the period of public comment and make available one or more opportunities for public forum.

Sincerely

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