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Comments: I am writing to oppose the Sandwich Vegetation Management Project #57392.

As a resident of the town of Sandwich, I find the lack of information about this project disappointing. It wasn't until fellow townspeople started to post information, that I discovered this proposal. I have read the available information, and listened to some of the experts in town. These are the objections that I have...

1. This is a long term project, bringing heavy machinery, noise, pollution, and disruption to a very idyllic environment. The amount of degradation in the name of management seems likely to be awful.
2. The plan is out of date, and may not represent best practices for fire threat mitigation, habitat restoration, etc. The threat to wildlife, change of habitat (now confounded by change in temperature and weather conditions) seem to be quite high.
3. The use of the selected areas for recreation seem to be what actually drives visits to our fair town. People access the great outdoors now more than ever. If the project goes through, the damage done may never be healed...driving away hikers, naturalists, and locals who want to enjoy the spaces.

I thought I had read about funds coming from the timber going to local communities, then I read that it goes to the Forest Service. I think that selling off our natural resources, in any form, ruins the actual use and value.

I understand the need to manage the forest. Fire management is important, but can't come at the scale proposed. There needs to be a new plan.

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