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Comments: I have many concerns about project #57392, which I understand is based on a 2005 forest management plan. Among them:

-The proposed clear-cutting. Climate change and the critical role of forests have resulted in new thinking about the impacts and feasibility of clear-cutting. However, that does not seem to be reflected in this plan.

-The "controlled" burn. As above, this plan does not seem to take what we now know about climate change into account.

-The proximity of work to the Liberty and Brook trails. This part of NH is a heavily visited area, with the hikes to the summit of Mt. Chocorua especially popular. The Brook and Liberty trails are two of the most widely used trails to the summit. The plan does not specify any buffer zone for these trails and the necessary heavy equipment is very likely to adversely affect the trails and the people trying to use them.

Tourism is a huge part of NH's economy and this plan will impact tourism in this region negatively. Climate change is an ever-growing threat and MUST be incorporated in any forest management effort since forests are now known to be one of our most critical weapons in fighting this threat.

I am in favor of forest management but it must be done responsibly and with full implementation of the latest research into forest management in the time of rapid climate change. This plan does NOT do that.

This plan needs to be reevaluated, not implemented with outdated research and a scarcity of public response.